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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4824/14

1.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) air-conditioned luxury vehicles hired by the Sri Lanka Army are utilized for the personal use of the senior officials of the Army; and
 - (ii) fuel is obtained for those vehicles from the government?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the approval of the Sri Lanka Army and the Ministry of Defence has been granted for the hired luxury vehicles to be used for the personal use of senior officials;
 - (ii) if not, whether an inquiry has been conducted in relation to the use of such vehicles; and
 - (iii) of the outcome of that inquiry?
- (c) If not, why?

5580/14

2.

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the year in which the service minutes currently in operation pertaining to Ayurveda doctors was prepared;
 - (ii) the year in which the said service minutes was last amended; and
 - (iii) if it was not amended, the reason for the same?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

5943/15

3.

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Local Government and Democratic Governance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Secretaries to the President, Prime Minister, Speaker, Cabinet Ministers, Leader of the Opposition, Deputy Ministers, Deputy Speaker, Deputy Chairman of Committees, Project Ministers, District and State Ministers, Secretary to the Cabinet, Chief Secretary of a Provincial Council and Deputy Secretary of the Treasury are entitled to a pension as per Circular No. 06/2011 of the Director General of Pensions?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether actions will be taken to provide a file containing details of the Cabinet Memorandum to grant the said pension entitlement and all the valid circulars and letters of advice related to the said pension by now;
 - (ii) of the number of persons who receive the said pension benefit by now?
- (c) If not, why?

6034/15

4.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the Homeopathic Medical Council which was appointed for the period from 2006-2011 as per the Homeopathy Act has been dissolved on 29.10.2009 contravening the sections 12 and 14 of the Constitution;
 - (ii) the fundamental rights of the members of the said Medical Council who were appointed in the year 2006 have been violated owing to this reason; and
 - (iii) an illegal interim committee was appointed by the then subject Minister in place of the Medical Council which has been dissolved?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the appointment mentioned in (a) (iii) above is approved;
 - (ii) whether the Homeopathy Act has been violated through the Registrations of Medical Practitioners from registration number 184 to 275 carried out by the said interim committee;
 - (iii) if so, whether the aforesaid appointments will be cancelled; and
 - (iv) of the date on which the appointments will be cancelled?

(3)

(c) Will he state —

(i) whether the appointment made by the Secretary of the then Ministry of Indigenous Medicine by appointing Mr. M.A. Perera as the Registrar, exceeding the authority vested only with a Medical Council to appoint a Registrar as per section 20 of the Homeopathy Act, is legitimate; and

(ii) if not so, the measures that will be taken to rectify the aforesaid appointment?

(d) If not, why?

6039/'15

5.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(1)

(a) Will he state whether—

(i) over 1000 applications had been received from applicants in Kiriella, Kuruwita and Eheliyagoda Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Eheliyagoda Electorate for the housing aid programme for the Ratnapura District organized by the previous government under the 2015 Deyata Kirula Programme;

(ii) the task of calling for quotations or tenders to supply relevant material on the estimates prepared in accordance with those applications had been assigned to the District Secretary, Ratnapura?

(b) Will he inform this House whether—

(i) the relevant authorities are aware that the low income earners who are expecting those housing aid at present inquire whether that programme has been cancelled by the present government; and

(ii) inquiries have been made and information obtained from the relevant officials in that regard?

(c) If not, why?

6041/'15

6.

Hon. Eric Prasanna Weerawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether he is aware of the fact that the price of nutmeg at present has dropped by about 30% - 40% in comparison to the price in January, 2015;

(ii) if so, of the reasons that caused a drop in the price of nutmeg in the aforesaid manner;

(iii) whether any step has been taken to prevent frequent drops in the price of nutmeg; and

(iv) if so, whether will explain the aforesaid step?

(4)

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that provisions allocated to the Department of Export Agriculture has been cut down by about 50% this year in comparison to the budget of the last year; and
- (ii) the course of action followed to overcome the downturn that will occur in export agriculture as a result of the cut down of provisions?

(c) If not, why?

6043/15

7.

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Local Government and Democratic Governance,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of money that has been allocated for the new building to be constructed for Jaffna Municipal Council;
- (ii) whether the work of the first phase of it has been commenced; and
- (iii) of the amount of money allocated for the first phase of the construction?

(b) If not, why?

6048/15

8.

Hon. C.A. Suriyaarachchi,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that the Thambalagamuwa Pradeshiya Sabha is carrying out a programme of utilizing archeological sites for various common purposes?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) how a children's park was made by demolishing the ruins of two dagabas of archeological value in Unit 17 Colony, Thambalagamuwa;
- (ii) as to why legal action was not taken against it;
- (iii) as to who is behind the effort of fencing off the cemetery located close to the archaeological site at lot No. 576, folio no 16, supplement No. 16, Plan No. three 51 at Tissapura, Thambalagamuwa in the pre text of expanding it and the basis on which it is done; and
- (iv) from whom revenge is to be taken by erecting a fence by obstructing the road to the paddy fields through that archeological site after the residents of the area led by Buddhist monks protested against it?

(5)

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) the reason for allowing the local government institutions in the Eastern Province to demolish the Buddhist archeological ruins; and
- (ii) whether action will be taken against persons responsible for that or abetted that after conducting a comprehensive inquiry into such incidents?

(d) If not, why?

4828/'14

9.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Mrs. Malkanthi De Silva, who got her first appointment to the General Hospital, Matara has been continuously serving in that hospital for 21 years as the nursing officer in charge of the said hospital without any transfer; and
- (ii) the aforesaid nursing officer has applied for transfers on several occasions?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the policy adopted by the government when granting transfers to the employees of the government nursing service;
- (ii) of the reasons for not applying the policy adopted for transferring nursing officers on Mrs. Malkanthi De Silva, in spite of the fact that she has applied for an transfer as (a)(ii) above;
- (iii) whether action will be taken to transfer her as per the policy adopted in granting transfers;
- (iv) if so, of the date on which she will be transferred to the hospital that she has applied for?

(c) If not, why?

5581/'14

10.

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the educational qualifications of the incumbent Commissioner of Ayurveda;
- (ii) the qualifications of the said officer pertaining to Ayurveda medicine; and
- (iii) the highest professional position that can be reached by an Ayurveda graduate within the Ministry of Health and Indigenous Medicine?

(b) If not, why?

11.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the officers' quarters which belongs to National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency (NARA) situated at Cod Bay, Trincomalee has been provided to the use of Sri Lanka Navy?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a requirement of keeping the aforesaid quarters, which was to be used by the researchers of NARA when carrying out duties in Trincomalee and its suburbs, under the custody of Sri Lanka Navy when the civil administration has been restored;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid quarters will not be taken over for the use of NARA again;
 - (iii) if it would be taken over, the date on which it will be done?
 - (iv) whether the researchers and officers of NARA will be provided with accommodation when carrying out duties in the aforesaid areas, until the aforesaid quarters are taken over for the use of NARA again?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

Hon. Eric PRASANNA WEERAWARDHANA,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) allocations have been made by the then Ministry of Economic Development under the heading of Harispaththuwa Divisional Secretariat office in last year, in order to construct a centre for youth corps and career guidance;
 - (ii) half of the construction work of the project has been completed; and
 - (iii) the project has been stopped by the present government?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid project will be recommenced for the betterment of the young generation of Harispaththuwa area;
 - (ii) if not, the reason for not doing so?
- (c) If not, why?

6045/'15

13.

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of roads in the Jaffna District under the Road Development Authority;
 - (ii) of these roads, the number of roads due to be renovated;
 - (iii) whether the projects in respect of the renovation of such roads have been identified;
 - (iv) if so, the amount of money allocated for the said projects;
 - (v) whether Cabinet Memoranda have been submitted in respect of the said projects?
- (b) If not, why?

4829/'14

14.

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

- (a) Is he aware that residents of several Grama Niladhari Divisions including Karagoda, Uyangoda I and II in the Kamburupitiya Divisional Secretariat Division of the Matara District have been severely inconvenienced owing to the inability of the families engaged in agriculture to prevent the losses of harvest caused by the monkeys and the peacocks?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the steps that have been so far taken to prevent the damages caused to the aforesaid cultivations;
 - (ii) the methodologies to be adopted in that regard in the future; and
 - (iii) the date on which arrangements for protecting these cultivations will be initiated?
- (c) If not, why?

5945/'15

15.

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Mr. U. Anura S. Weerathne (Sri Lanka Planning Service I) has been appointed to the post of Director of Divineguma of the district of Trincomalee by letter number DODD/HO/2/Admin/Appointments dated 05.02.2015 issued by the Director General of Divineguma Development Department; and
 - (ii) the said person has been subsequently reappointed to the post of Director (Community based originations) of the head office of the said department by letter number DODD/HO/2/Admin/Appointments dated 19.02.2015 issued by the Director (Administration)of the Divineguma Development Department, making an amendment to the initial appointment ?

(8)

- (b) Will he state —
- (i) whether any political intervention has been made by the District Secretary of Trincomalee and by a Minister not relevant to the scope of Samurdhi pertaining to not giving the post mentioned in (a) (i) to Mr. Weerathne;
 - (ii) whether political intervention is accepted if such has really occurred;
 - (iii) whether Samurdhi related activities have been assigned to the Minister of Lands in the district of Trincomalee?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to appoint Mr. U. Anura S. Weerathne to the post of Director of Divineguma of district of Trincomalee?
- (d) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Justice,— Order under the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations under subsection (3) of Section 2 of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, No. 25 of 2002 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1906/17 of 17th March 2015, which was presented on 09.04.2015, be approved.

*2.

Immigrants and Emigrants (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*3.

National Authority on Teacher Education (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*5.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*7.

Finance Bill— Second Reading.

*8.

Economic Service Charge (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*9.

Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*10.

Betting and Gaming Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*11.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 1),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013 and specified in the Order No. 32 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013
Order No. 32 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.36 of 2013, I, Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 30602 “Railway Stores Advance Account – Department of Sri Lanka Railways” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	1,700,000,000
		To	Rs.	2,200,000,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	6,102,000,000
		To	Rs.	6,602,000,000
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	850,000,000
		To	Rs.	1,000,000,000

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2014 only)

*Sgd./*RAVI KARUNANAYAKE,
Minister of Finance.

10.04.2015
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*12.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No.2),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013 and specified in the Order No. 33 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013
Order No. 33 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.36 of 2013, I, Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 24702 “Expenses in connection with the seized and Forfeited Goods Advance Account – Department of Sri Lanka Customs” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

(10)

- (i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act. Not Revised
- (ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act. Not Revised
- (iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act. From Rs. 20,000,000 To Rs. 25,000,000
- (iv) Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act. Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2014 only)

Sgd./RAVI KARUNANAYAKE,
Minister of Finance.

10.04.2015
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*13.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 3),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013 and specified in the Order No. 34 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013

Order No. 34 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.36 of 2013, I, Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 21302 “Printing Publicity and Sales of Books (public Notification of Publication rights, Acquiring Translation fees and staff wages inclusive of allowances) Advance Account – Department of Education Publications” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

- (i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act. Not Revised
- (ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act. From Rs. 2,900,000,000 To Rs. 2,500,000,000
- (iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act. Not Revised

(11)

- (iv) Maximum limit of liabilities From Rs. 1,500,000,000
specified in Column V of the Third To Rs. 2,250,000,000
Schedule to that Act.

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2014 only)

Sgd./RAVI KARUNANAYAKE,
Minister of Finance.

10.04.2015
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*14.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 4),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013 and specified in the Order No. 35 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013
Order No. 35 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.36 of 2013, I, Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 31002 “Stores Advance Account – Government Factory” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

- (i) Maximum limit of expenditure From Rs. 120,000,000
specified in Column II of the Third To Rs. 170,000,000
Schedule to that Act.
- (ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act. Not Revised
- (iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act. Not Revised
- (iv) Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act. Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2014 only)

Sgd./RAVI KARUNANAYAKE,
Minister of Finance.

10.04.2015
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*15.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 5),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013 and specified in the Order No. 36 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013

Order No. 36 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.36 of 2013, I, Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 31003 “Work Done Advance Account– Government Factory” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From To	Rs. Rs.	260,000,000 450,000,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2014 only)

*Sgd./*RAVI KARUNANAYAKE,
Minister of Finance.

10.04.2015
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*16.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 6),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013 and specified in the schedule hereto, be approved.

(These orders are valid only up to 31.12.2014)

SCHEDULE

Appropriation Act No. 36 of 2013 Order under Section 8

Schedule of variation of limits of Advance Accounts pertaining to Advances to public officers authorized by the Minister of Finance under Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No. 36 of 2013 in respect of Finance year 2014.

Group Order No.01

By virtue of powers vested in me under section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013, I, Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government do by this order alter/vary the maximum limits specified in column II and IV of the Third schedule to that Act, and the minimum limits specified in column III of that schedule being the limits corresponding to item Nos. 14001,18201,10501,22801, 20801,27701,30301,26901,27001,27201,24201,28601,10201,25601,25801,28201,28501,11601,28801,30601,27901,27801,27401,27501, 21901, 17801,12601,11101,18801,21101 and 19001 relating to Advances to Public Officers in the manner set out in the schedule hereto.

Sl No.	Ministries/Departments	Item No.	II Maximum Limits of Expenditure of Activities of the Government Rs.		III Minimum Limits of Receipts to be Credited to the Accounts of Activities of the Government Rs.		IV Maximum Limits of Debit Balance of Activities of the Government Rs.		Order No.
			From	To	From	To	From	To	
1	Ministry of Livestock and Rural Community Development	14001	7,000,000	10,000,000	3,700,000	4,000,000	-	-	1
2	Ministry of Foreign Employment Promotion & Welfare	18201	5,000,000	8,000,000	1,100,000	4,100,000	-	-	2
3	Ministry of Economic Development	10501	140,000,000	170,000,000	60,000,000	90,000,000	-	-	3
4	Ministry of Justice	22801	260,420,000	290,420,000	170,000,000	175,000,000	850,000,000	1,100,000,000	4
5	Department of National Museums	20801	9,000,000	12,000,000	-	-	-	-	5

6	District Secretariat Monaragala	27701	-	-	25,000,000	24,000,000	-	-	6
7	Department of Textile Industries	30301	-	-	3,000,000	2,900,000	-	-	7
8	District Secretariat/Kachcheri-Baticaloa	26901	-	-	23,000,000	18,000,000	90,000,000	100,000,000	8
9	District Secretariat/Kachcheri - Ampara	27001	-	-	35,000,000	30,000,000	-	-	9
10	District Secretariat, Kurunegala	27201	-	-	75,000,000	65,000,000	-	-	10
11	Department of Management Services	24201	-	-	2,000,000	1,700,000	-	-	11
12	Land Commissioner General's Department	28601	-	-	12,000,000	11,500,000	-	-	12
13	Ministry of Finance and Planning	10201	15,000,000	12,000,000	9,500,000	8,500,000	-	-	13
14	District Secretariat, Gampaha	25601	-	-	56,000,000	53,000,000	-	-	14
15	District Secretariat, Kandy	25801	-	-	51,000,000	46,000,000	-	-	15
16	Department of Irrigation	28201	-	-	100,000,000	97,000,000	-	-	16
17	Department of Agriculture	28501	-	-	150,000,000	120,000,000	-	-	17
18	Ministry of Co-Operatives and Internal Trade	11601	6,000,000	7,500,000	-	-	-	-	18
19	Department of Survey	28801	-	-	100,000,000	86,000,000	-	-	19
20	Department of Sri Lanka Railways	30601	-	-	385,000,000	290,000,000	-	-	20
21	District Secretariat, Kegalle	27901	-	-	30,000,000	26,000,000	-	-	21
22	District Secretariat, Ratnapura	27801	-	-	38,000,000	32,000,000	-	-	22
23	District Secretariat, Anuradhapura	27401	-	-	40,000,000	35,000,000	-	-	23
24	District Secretariat, Polonnaruwa	27501	-	-	18,000,000	15,000,000	-	-	24

25	Department of Sports Development	21901	8,000,000	8,011,000	-	-	-	-	25
26	Ministry of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development	17801	4,000,000	5,000,000	-	-	-	-	26
27	Ministry of Education	12601	-	-	680,000,000	675,000,000	-	-	27
28	Ministry of Health	11101	-	-	710,000,000	653,000,000	-	-	28
29	Ministry of Botanical Gardens and Public Recreation	18801	2,000,000	2,060,110	-	-	-	-	29
30	Department of Government Printer	21101	-	-	45,000,000	44,000,000	-	-	30
31	Ministry of Law & Order	19001	-	-	83,000,000	60,000,000	-	-	31
Total			456,420,000	524,991,110	2,905,300,000	2,666,700,000	940,000,000	1,200,000,000	

(15)

Sgd./RAVI KARUNANAYAKE
Minister of Finance

10 April 2015
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*17.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.1),— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1899/33 of 29th January 2015)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.2),— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1903/40 of 26th February 2015)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1891/8 of 02nd December 2014, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1892/39 of 12th December 2014, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*21.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1895/11 of 31st December 2014, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1898/43 of 22nd January 2015, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.5),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1899/32 of 29th January 2015, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.6),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1901/28 of 14th February 2015, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*25.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.7),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1903/4 of 24th February 2015, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*26.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.8),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1906/7 of 17th March 2015, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*27.

The Minister of Finance,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 20 read with Sub-section (3) of Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 01 of 1969 as amended by Act No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1903/41 of 26th February 2015, which were presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*28.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, in relation to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1903/39 of 26th February 2015, which was presented on 27.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*29.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Inland Revenue Act,— That this Parliament resolves, under Section 97(1) (a) of the Inland Revenue Act, No.10 of 2006, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Republic of Singapore for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income entered on 03rd April, 2014, which was presented on 27.04.2015 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*30.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*31.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*32.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.3),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Czech Republic for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 28th March 2011, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign state, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 05.08.2014 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*33.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1882/17 of 30th September 2014, which was presented on 12.12.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*34.

The Minister of Power and Energy,— Regulations under the Sri Lanka Electricity Act,— That the Regulations (Electrical Inspectors' Functions, Duties and Procedures) made by the Minister of Power and Energy under Section 54 of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009 on the recommendation of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1883/12 of 10th October 2014, which were presented on 24.11.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*35.

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

*36.

Prescription (Special Provisions) Bill — Adjourned debate on question (07th August, 2014) [1].

*37.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

38.

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

39.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

40.

The Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

41.

The Institute of Medicina Alternativa (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

42.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*

[1].

Motion made and question proposed “That the Bill be now read a second time.”

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4996/14

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Local Government and Democratic Governance,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of dogs removed from the Colombo city limit during the period of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting was held;
 - (ii) of the location where these dogs were relocated;
 - (iii) whether these dogs were provided proper shelter and food at that location; and
 - (iv) of the amount of money spent for that purpose?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
- (i) the agreements reached with animal rights organizations regarding the relocation of these dogs as stated above;
 - (ii) the names of such animal rights organizations with which agreements were thus reached; and
 - (iii) these agreements, which were fulfilled and not fulfilled?

(21)

- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) of the area in which the animals relocated as mentioned above are currently being sheltered; and
 - (ii) as to how these dogs will be dealt with in future?
- (d) If not, why?

5575/14

2.

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the year in which the Ayurveda Act currently in operation was introduced;
 - (ii) the number of instances the said Act was amended by now;
 - (iii) the year in which it was last amended; and
 - (iv) if the said Act has hitherto not been amended, the reason for same?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Ayurveda medical graduates are designated as medical officers or medical professionals; and
 - (ii) of the reason for them being so designated?
- (c) If not, why?

5906/15

3.

Hon. Arundika Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a wage is paid when the labour of the prisoners in prisons is obtained;
 - (ii) if so, the amount so paid as the wage;
 - (iii) of the date, that wage was last revised;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the wage so paid has to be increased to commensurate with the current requirements; and
 - (v) of the amount by which the current wage paid to prisoners in this country will be increased of a time when prisoners in countries such as Britain are paid a monthly salary of 200 £?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

Hon. (Prof.) Tissa Vitarana, — To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) several ministries that were in operation earlier including the Ministry of Economic Development and the Ministry of Productivity Promotion have been abolished and the functions that were carried out by the Development Officers who were attached to the aforementioned ministries have been suspended;
- (ii) thousands of officers are currently languishing without any duty as a result of this;
- (iii) the allowance that was paid to them by the government for maintaining offices, too, has been cancelled;
- (iv) as a result, they have had to leave the office buildings that were used by them on lease basis; and
- (v) public property that were provided to the aforesaid offices are now unprotected as a result of this?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) the steps that will be taken with regard to facts mentioned in (a) above;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid officers will be employed in a productive duty within the 100 days in keeping with the pledge that is mentioned in the 100 day programme to the effect that the Development Officers that are currently employed at the aforementioned ministries and the graduates that were recruited will be absorbed into the public service and that a promotion scheme will be introduced; and
- (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Public Order and Christian Religious Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) separately, of the number of Catholic churches, Hindu temples and mosques that have come under the search scrutiny of the police or other security sections based on political or any other grounds after the presidential election that was held on 08.01.2015; and
- (ii) separately, on the basis of Catholic, Hindu and Muslim religious place, of the names, addresses, and the telephone numbers of each of the aforesaid religious places that have come under such search and the date and the reason for such search?

(b) If not, why?

6018/'15

6.

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are covert detention camps within Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, of the information on the aforesaid camps;
 - (iii) of the detainees, detained in the aforesaid camps; and
 - (iv) of the information on the aforesaid detainees?
- (b) If not, why?

6036/'15

7.

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he has claimed in a recent interview on “Swarnavahini” that Ms. Tamara Kunanayagam, the former Sri Lankan Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva had been a representative of the LTTE in the period of 1989 to 1990;
 - (ii) if so, on which evidence the said statement was made; and
 - (iii) if the aforesaid evidence deems to be substantial, whether steps will be taken to proscribe Ms. Kunanayagam?
- (b) Is he aware that Ms. Kunanayagam was a Human Rights activist during and around the period mentioned (a)(i) and supportive of the “Mothers Front” activities in which the Hon. Minister himself was connected?
- (c) Will he also state whether the Human Rights activism of Ms. Kunanayagam is the accusation of sympathy for terrorism?
- (d) If not, why?

4998/'14

8.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Local Government and Democratic Governance,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the competitive examination to recruit to the Sri Lanka Accountants Service was held again in the year 2012 after it was held in the year 2006;
 - (ii) as a result, there is a group faced with the problem of maximum age limit of 28 years which is the maximum age for sitting the examination; and
 - (iii) as a result of the age limit issue for an examination for which only two sittings are allowed, some have only sat once and the others have not been able to sit even once?
- (b) Will he state as to what relief will be granted to those with qualifications who have been faced with the age limit problem mentioned in (a) (i) above?

(24)

- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of vacancies existed in the Sri Lanka Accountants Service Grade III in public sector institutions as at 28.02.2014;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to afford the opportunity to those who sat the competitive examination in the year 2012 and obtained pass marks to fill the above vacancies; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

5576/'14

9.

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Ayurvedic Medicine Graduates who had applied when applications were called to provide employment to graduates in 2012; and
 - (ii) of that number, the number that was provided with employment?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Ayurvedic Medicine Graduates who were without employment as at 31.12.2011;
 - (ii) whether a scheme was in place to provide them with employment in 2012;
 - (iii) if so, what that scheme was; and
 - (iv) of the number of Ayurvedic Medicine Graduates who were provided with employment under that scheme?
- (c) If not, why?

5756/'14

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Dean of the Samanthurai campus of the South Eastern University, at the meeting of the Faculty Board, has asked the students not to express their views in Sinhala;
 - (ii) this has caused the students studying in that campus losing their language right; and
 - (iii) this order is an attempt of spreading racism?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to protect the language rights of the Sinhala students of the South Eastern University;
 - (ii) if so, how; and
 - (iii) of the steps taken by the Ministry against the order of the Dean mentioned in (a)(i) above?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, May 21, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4787/'14

1.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Public Order and Christian Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he accepts the fact that the Police officials and the Special Task Force of the Police too, made their contributions in concluding the war; and
 - (ii) if so, whether they have been recognized as War Heroes?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the reasons led not to permit the Police officials to take part in the competition “Ranaviru Real Star” which is organized with the intention of encouraging War Heroes?
- (c) If not, why?

4987/'14

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of—
 - (i) centers established;
 - (ii) coordinating centers which operated for coordinating the aforesaid centers;
 - (iii) supervisors deployed in service;
 - (iv) teachers deployed; and
 - (v) hall assistants deployed;for conducting the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination held in the year 2013?
- (b) Will he table separately the names, addresses and the telephone numbers of the hall assistants mentioned in (a)(v) above?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of employees who are related to the field of education and the number of employees who are not related to that field out of the aforesaid hall assistants separately; and
 - (ii) the amount paid as salaries and allowances for the hall assistants who were recruited from outside for the duties of the aforesaid examination?

(26)

- (d) Will he inform this house—
- (i) whether steps will be taken to prevent the non academic employees of the education sector from losing the opportunity of obtaining an allowance due to the fact that out side persons are deployed for the duties of the examination whilst the aforesaid employees are available for it; and
 - (ii) if so, the manner in which it will be done?
- (e) If not, why?

5436/14

3.

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he state the percentage of Sulphur that contains in the diesel that was imported for the storage tanks complex of the Muthurajawela Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Ltd?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the sulphur percentage that contains in Lanka Auto diesel and super diesel, that is available for sale in the filling stations of Gampaha District; and
 - (ii) of the fuel storage terminal by which Auto diesel and Super diesel is provided for the filling stations of Gampaha District?
- (c) If not, why?

5845/14

4.

Hon. Mohommad Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Local Government and Democratic Governance,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that there is an unauthorized construction on the urban public lavatory system obstructing the access road to the places bearing assessment numbers 108 and 108/20 in Ven. Hikkaduwa Sri Sumangala Mawatha, in the Kuppiyawatta West Division, No. 32 of the Colombo Municipal Council area?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken forthwith to remove those constructions since the public lavatory system has become a personal property due to the unauthorized constructions built with the support of the certain officers in the Colombo Municipal Council?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Public Order and Christian Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately as to why and following whose complaint and whose order the remainder of a stock of goods that had been purchased out of personal funds and distributed among the public as flood aid and had been kept stored in an election operations office that was run at No.49/1, Samanala Mawatha, Kandy Road, China Bay, during the last presidential election period was sealed by the police on court order and was referred to courts for initiating legal proceedings?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Department of Police will take the responsibility for the damage that could be caused to those goods as a bulk of most of the goods sealed are consumer items;
 - (ii) of the basis on which the driver who was taking the Double Cab bearing no WP PA-4549 belonging to the then Ministry of Economic Development that was parked at that office premises on the same day, was arrested and the persons who made the complaint; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to prevent the recurrence of such arbitrary incidents as mentioned above in future?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Local Government and Democratic Governance,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that the approved projects of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board for the provision of drinking water cannot be implemented as a result of permission not being granted by the Western Province Road Development Authority to break the shoulder of the road from Horana to Labugama junction via Hegalla, the road from Sawgashandiya, Horana to Thalgahawila up to Kuda Uduwa, the road from Kulupana, Horan to Mawgama up to Olaboduwa and the road from Horana to Uduwa via Ovitiyagala, Henkanda?
- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken to grant permission to break the shoulders causing minimum damage to the abovementioned roads which had been carpeted more than five years ago, in order to implement the drinking water projects for the people of the said areas?
- (c) If not, why?

5931/'15

7.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether deeds have been provided by now for the houses given to the people of Matara District who lost their houses due to the Tsunami disaster;
- (ii) if the deeds have not yet been provided, the reasons for it;
- (iii) whether the National Housing Development Authority has recommended that deeds can be provided for the houses given in the areas of Kandegodalla in Devinuwara Divisional Secretariat Division (HHO houses), Madawatta (Lunukalapuwa) Mudiyansewatta in Abimanpura and Dickwella Divisional Secretariat Division, and Gallagewatta, Thudawa, Kodikara building and Lorene city in Matara Divisional Secretariat Division as unit houses or separate houses;
- (iv) whether a cabinet memorandum has been submitted to assign to the Condominium Management Authority the task of providing deeds for the aforesaid houses; and
- (v) the reasons for not providing deeds the aforesaid house recipients mentioned in (iii) above on the basis of condominium property or under separate house ownership?

(b) If not, why?

5939/'15

8.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the report of the Commission Chaired by Hon. Supreme Court Judge Shirani Thilakawardane that was appointed to investigate into the arms deal has been prepared;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid commission report will be published; and
- (iii) if so, the date on which such publishing will be done?

(b) If not, why?

4999/'14

9.

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether the proposal of the 2014 budget to grant incentives of Rs. 15,000/= and Rs. 5,000/= respectively to District Secretaries and Divisional Secretaries and Rs. 3,000/= for Planning Directors and Chief Accountants attached to District Secretariats has been fulfilled by now; and
- (ii) if so, the date on which such payments commenced?

(29)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reason for proposing an incentive of a lower value for Planning Directors and Chief Accountants attached to District Secretariats;
 - (ii) whether he admits that the service of the officials mentioned in (i) above has been underestimated as a result of the decision to pay a lower incentive;
 - (iii) if so, whether action will be taken to increase their incentives;
 - (iv) of the amount of such increase; and
 - (v) of the date on which such an increase will be carried out?
- (c) If not, why?

5224/'14

10.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the number of houses in the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) separately, the number of slums and line rooms in the said district; and
 - (iii) the number of homeless families in the district?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of houses in the Kurunegala District without toilets; and
 - (ii) the system for providing toilets to houses that have no toilets?
- (c) If not, why?

5920/'15

11.

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that there is a programme that media maliciously publish incidents of keeping elephants even before the wild life conservation department search the places where the elephants are kept with or without permits and verify the authenticity of the permits and take the suspects into custody;

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of elephants-tuskers with permits that were taken into custody after the previous Presidential election;
 - (ii) of the names, addresses and the telephone numbers of the aforesaid permit holders;
 - (iii) of the number of elephants- tuskers reared without permits that were taken into custody during the aforesaid period of time;
 - (iv) of the names, addresses and the telephone numbers of the persons who kept the elephants-tuskers without permits;
 - (v) of the places where such elephants-tuskers who have been taken into custody have been kept;
 - (vi) about their health condition;
 - (vii) whether the elephants-tuskers that should be handed over legally have been identified; and
 - (viii) if so, the date on which they will be handed over?
- (c) If not, why?

5932/'15

12.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the total number of Cultural Officers and Cultural Development Assistants employed in Divisional Secretariats and District Secretariats at present;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid officers are entitled to the promotions that the other officers of the public service are entitled to;
 - (iii) if so, of the service conditions applicable to granting the aforementioned promotions;
 - (iv) if promotions are not applicable, whether the past held by the aforesaid officers at the time of their retirement would be the same as the designation held by them at present;
 - (v) whether Cabinet approval for granting promotions to the aforesaid officers had been granted before this;
 - (vi) if so, of the reasons for not implementing the aforementioned approval; and
 - (vii) whether Assistant Cultural Officer positions have been abolished by now under Public Administration Circular No. 6/2006?
- (b) If not, why?

5225/'14

13.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state whether money is granted by local banks for road development?
- (b) If so, will he table—
 - (i) the names of local banks which have granted money for road development projects; and
 - (ii) separately, the amount of money granted by each of the said banks and the road projects for which money has been granted?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the method of recovering of the money thus granted?
- (d) If not, why?

5722/'14

14.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the people living in the Hulandawa estate in Akuressa in the district of Matara do not even have minimum basic facilities; and
 - (ii) therefore these people face severe hardships?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to improve the requirement of drinking water, road, housing and health facilities of the people living in the Hulandawa estate;
 - (ii) if so, how;
 - (iii) of the date on which such steps will be taken; and
 - (iv) of the amount of money expected to be spent for that?
- (c) If not, why?

5927/'15

15.

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a land issue has cropped up between the old possessors who had been settled in the villages of Thorankaduwa, 2nd mile post, 4th mile post, Thoramarippu, Borawewa, Kullakalliya and Nelumwewa belonging to Thennamarawadiya Grama Niladhari division and its outskirts in the Kuchchaweli Divisional Secretary's Division bordering the Padavi Sripura Divisional Secretariat Division under the Padavi Scheme and the new owners?

(32)

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the authorities who made arrangements to settle new settlers by providing them with Grants (L.D.O) to the lands previously occupied by the old possessors who vacated those lands for safety owing to terrorist activities of the L.T.T.E;
 - (ii) the names and address of people who settled in the above manner;
 - (iii) the old possessors who lived on those lands on annual grants; and
 - (iv) their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the legal ownership of the aforesaid land has been either to the people who were settled under the Padaviya Scheme or the people who were settled later on Grants;
 - (ii) of the measure to be adopted to resolve the above issue;
 - (iii) the date on which that measure will be adopted?
- (d) If not, why?
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Friday, May 22, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4788/14

1.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the quantity of seed paddy that is required to cultivate both Yala and Maha seasons of a particular year;
 - (ii) of the quantity of seed paddy that is produced within the country by now;
 - (iii) of the measures that have been taken to produce the required amount of seed paddy; and
 - (iv) whether a National Seed Policy will be put into practice for the enhancement of the seed production?
- (b) If not, why?

5141/14

2.

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of staff deployed by the Ceylon Electricity Board through manpower supply agencies; and
 - (ii) the period of time for which the aforesaid workers have been deployed?

(33)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of employees recruited directly to serve in the Ceylon Electricity Board within the year 2014;
 - (ii) whether special attention was paid to members of staff mentioned in (a)(i) above, who have acquired experience when recruiting the aforesaid staff;
 - (iii) if not, of the reasons for that; and
 - (iv) of the number of employees who were selected from those mentioned in (a)(i) above out of the workers who were recruited in the year 2014?
- (c) If not, why?

5708/14

3.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the total number of families that have been identified as suitable to be provided with the housing facilities in the district of Monaragala under the Jana Sevana Million Housing and Settlement Development Programme-2011 which was implemented in line with the Deyata Kirula Programme 2011;
 - (ii) the number of families that were provided with the housing facilities under the aforesaid housing scheme;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on the aforesaid housing scheme; and
 - (iv) the methodology by which the aforesaid funds were procured?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a written pledge has been made to the families that were identified to provide housing facilities under the Jana Sevana Million Housing and Settlement Development Programme -2011;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to provide houses to the families that have not yet received houses as per the aforesaid pledge; and
 - (iii) of the period of time that will be taken for the above purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

4. Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Order and Christian Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of tourists who have arrived on tourist visa and have been taken into custody during the year 2014 for engaging in religious propaganda activities, various employments, businesses and anti social activities while staying illegally in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the names of the countries to which they belong; and
 - (iii) separately, the offences committed by each of the aforesaid persons who were taken into custody and the penalty given to them?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether there is a special course of action prepared to arrest the foreigners who have arrived on tourist visa and stay illegally in the country;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to make strict the laws and regulations that are in effect in this regard; and
 - (iii) if so, how?
- (c) If not, why?

5. Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the date on which the lands belonging to the Asirimale Asirikanda Purana Raja Maha Vihara located at Pulmudai in the Trincomalee District are surveyed and legally demarcated as per the ancient boundaries since the lands and other sacred properties belonging to the temple have been illegally captured by various communities;
 - (ii) the date on which the lands belonging to the Atha Negi Kanda Vihara, Yan Oya Raja Maha Vihara, Nagalena Raja Maha Vihara are surveyed and demarcated as they together with the other ancient temples have been grabbed by encroachers and the destroyers of Buddhist heritages; and
 - (iii) the reason for not allotting lands from other areas to the families who have settled on these lands without knowing that such lands belong to the above temples?

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- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of families identified by now to be evacuated from the lands belonging to each of the above temples; and
 - (ii) the names and addresses of such residents?
- (c) If not, why?

6019/15

6.

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— To ask the Minister of Public Order and Christian Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the displaced Sri Lankans who are living in foreign countries are arrested on arrival when they return to this country;
 - (ii) if so, of the legal provisions under which such persons are arrested on arrival;
 - (iii) whether details of the persons who have been arrested in that manner will be tabled; and
 - (iv) whether judicial action has been taken against such persons?
- (b) If not, why?

6035/15

7.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of child births recorded per day in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether an allowance of 20,000 rupees is paid to all those children;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent for that annually?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money allocated by the 2015 budget to provide the aforesaid allowance;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid allocation is sufficient to provide the allowance mentioned above; and
 - (iii) if not, the manner in which a sufficient amount of money is allocated?
- (c) If not, why?

6046/'15

8.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that as per the section 19 of ACT No. 66 of 1981, Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund the Founder Trustee is the Minister in charge of the subject of Trade?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the present Minister in charge of the subject of Trade;
 - (ii) the Trustees and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund; and
 - (iii) who appoint those Trustees?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) by whom the members of Board of Directors of National Wealth Corporation Limited and Natwealth Securities Limited under Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund are appointed;
 - (ii) of the date of appointment of the Directors of above companies; and
 - (iii) names and age of those Directors?
- (d) If not, why?

4793/'14

9.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Research,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of external graduates and internal graduates out of the total number of graduates registered in the island, separately;
 - (ii) the number of students that are enrolled by the government universities in a year;
 - (iii) the period of time taken for admission of students to universities from the day since the results of the GCE (A/L) exam were issued;
 - (iv) whether he is aware of the fact that the aforesaid period of time has increased up to a period of more than one year by now; and
 - (v) the reasons which have caused such a situation?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether a programme is implemented for the admission of students to the universities soon after the results of the GCE (A/L) are issued?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the amount of money spent to clean the Bogambara prison after the inmates were removed from the prison; and
 - (ii) the sources from which the aforesaid money was collected?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the purpose for which the Bogambara prison is used at present;
 - (ii) whether the ownership of that has been transferred to a private institution or an individual; and
 - (iii) if so, the name of that institution or individual along with the address and the telephone number?
- (c) If not, why?

5929/15

11.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the government has lost the actual income it could have earned as a result of awarding for a very low tender the cafeteria located at the Cod Bay fishery harbour, which has potential to bring in a huge income?
- (b) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the name, address and telephone number of the person who has been awarded the tender to run the said cafeteria;
 - (ii) the reason for reducing the monthly rent of that cafeteria up to Rs. 10,000/= through the agreement between the recipient of that tender and Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation signed on 05.03.2015; and
 - (iii) the reason for acting in the aforesaid manner causing the loss of a huge amount to the government could have earned, despite the alleged continuous default of payment of the due taxes in the past by the said recipient of that tender ?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the reason for not calling for bids for the said cafeteria;
 - (ii) whether calling for bids in that respect would be done in future;
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it would be done?
- (d) If not, why?

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of litres of water issued by the Water Supply and Drainage Board for the consumption of people from 2010 to 2014;
 - (ii) the total number of consumers who have pipe borne water facility at present; and
 - (iii) the above number as a percentage of the total population?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a survey has been conducted on the people who need water facilities but do not have pipe borne water facilities at present;
 - (ii) if so, the number of such people;
 - (iii) whether an estimate of the number of litres of water needed by those people has been made;
 - (iv) if so, the amount of water so required; and
 - (v) whether sources of water sufficient to meet that requirement are available in Sri Lanka?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a plan to purify sea water and provide them to people as drinking water, has been made; and
 - (ii) if so, whether that plans would be presented?
- (d) If not, why?

13.

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the employment of the officers who held posts in the staffs of the Ministers and Deputy Ministers of the former government had been terminated with effect from 09.01.2015?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reason for not paying the monthly salaries, overtime payments and transport allowances of the ministerial staff up to the above date on which their services had been terminated; and
 - (ii) the reasons for not providing the relevant benefits to the said officers in spite of the fact that they have properly applied to obtain the benefits of the Employment Provident Fund and the reasons for not even accepting the applications of the aforesaid officers belonging to the then Ministry of Economic Development ?

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- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) the reasons for the negligence of the responsibility by the ministry currently handling the subject under a situation where many of the ministries have abolished time to time, since the confirmation of service period and provision of history sheets by the former ministries in which these secretaries have previously served were requirements for the formulation of pensions of the said secretaries who have completed a service period of 05 years as per the Pensions Circular No.06/2011 with relevance to the payment of Pensions for the secretaries to the ministerial staff,
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to resolve the above mentioned issues with immediate effect?
- (d) If not, why?
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Tuesday, June 09, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4589/13

1.

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

- (a) Is she aware that a promise was given before the Presidential Election of the year 2010 to grant a pension to “Rata Viruwo (Migrant Heroes)”, who have gone abroad for employment?
- (b) If so, will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the methodology followed for granting a pension to “migrant heroes”;
 - (ii) of the manner in which contributions are made by the “migrant heroes”, by the establishment at which they work and by the government separately in providing “migrant heroes” with a pension;
 - (iii) of the amount intended to be paid monthly as the pension; and
 - (iv) what other countries in the world pay a pension to those engaged in jobs overseas?
- (c) If not, why?

4783/'14

2.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he state, separately in respect of each year from the year 2005-2013—
 - (i) the number of persons who were killed by wild elephant attacks within the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) the number of wild elephants that were killed due to human activities in that district; and
 - (iii) the number of wild elephants died in the whole island?
- (b) If not, why?

5272/'14

3.

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Public Order and Christian Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are categories of Police officers or officers who are not subjected to “Increase of allowances to Police officers 2013” under IGP Circular 2416/2013 and Establishments Circular 01/2013;
 - (ii) if so, such categories of Police officers or officers;
 - (iii) of the reason for not increasing the allowances of that category of officers as per the above circulars?
- (b) Will he state whether those engaged in Sri Lanka Police Engineering Service do not come under the category of Police officers?
- (c) If not, why?

5907/'15

4.

Hon. Arundika Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of prisoners in prisons who have been sentenced to death at present;
 - (ii) the number of prisoners in prisons who have been sentenced to life at present;
 - (iii) the date, the penalty imposed on prisoners sentenced to death and prisoners sentenced to life was last commuted taking their good conduct into account; and
 - (iv) if such penalties have not been commuted, whether steps will be taken to do so?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Local Government and Democratic Governance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a proposal was made to Parliament through Budget 2015 for the conformation of service of all those who have been recruited to the public service on temporary, casual (daily paid), substitution or contract basis and have completed a period of service of 180 days; and
 - (ii) the Public Administration Circular 25/2014 was issued with regard to the aforesaid confirmation of service?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the pharse “those who have completed a period of service of 180 days” in (a) (i) above has been revised as “those who have been in the public service for 07 years on casual basis” in the interim budget proposals presented for the year 2015;
 - (ii) as to which proposal will be implemented out of the aforesaid two budget proposals; and
 - (iii) whether the labourers who are not confirmed in service as per the aforesaid proposals will be further deployed on casual basis as per the service requirement?
- (c) If not, why?

5918/15

6.

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Public Order and Christian Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a group of persons identifying themselves as election officials and a group of outsiders have entered the authorised election operations office at Mattikeli, Kandy road, Trincomalee on 04.01.2015 during the Presidential election period and behaved violently and snatched away video equipment and office equipment?
- (b) Will he state, whether—
 - (i) the inquiry made by the persons in the office at that time from the group of persons who entered the office will be considered a disturbance to the duty of the election officers;
 - (ii) display of information, screening of films, making speeches or carrying out an other election propaganda activity even within authorised election offices during election time cannot be done;
 - (iii) the forcible entry and violent behaviour set out in the code of Criminal Procedure are not applicable to election officers who behave in the manner mentioned in (a) above; and
 - (iv) what steps will be taken under good governance against the officers who behaved aggressively inside the aforesaid office, took away the office equipment and went on to file a case against those who ran that office?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Lands,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) a part of a government land in the Wagawatta Grama Niladhari Division in the Ingiriya Divisional Secretariat Division has been obtained purportedly for a social service activity and has been used for a commercial waste recycle business by a private company;
 - (ii) water of Mawak Oya from which the residents of the area satisfy their drinking water requirements has been polluted as a result of the activities of the above company in a land located in a catchment area;
 - (iii) the Secretary of the then Ministry of Land and Land Development stated at the Consultative Committee Meeting of the Ministry of Land and Land Development held on 26 November 2013 that action would be taken to reacquire the land if action was not taken to return the land consequent to a request in writing to the relevant institution for the return of the said reservation; and
 - (iv) action has hitherto not been taken as stated above?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to reacquire the abovementioned land?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

Hon. Indika Bandaranayake, — To ask the Minister of Highways and Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) road development projects of Phase II of Mawiela - Kirimetiya road in Panduwasnuwara East Divisional Secretariat Division, Phase II of Nikatapitiya - Ihalagama road in Panduwasnuwara West Divisional Secretariat Division and Wadumunna - Madana road including carpeting of those roads were commenced after allocations had been approved and contracts had been signed;
 - (ii) the development activities of the aforesaid roads have suddenly been suspended by now; and
 - (iii) that the transportation activities of the aforesaid roads which are in a severely dilapidated state have become extremely difficult?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the reasons that led to the sudden stoppage of the development activities of the above mentioned roads; and
 - (ii) the date on which the development activities of the aforesaid roads will be resumed?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) separately, on annual basis, the educational qualifications which were considered in making recruitments for the Executive Branch of Sri Lanka Navy during the period from the year 2000 to 2010;
 - (ii) the number of individuals who were recruited for the Executive Branch of Sri Lanka Navy in the year 2006; and
 - (iii) the (G.C.E) Ordinary level and (G.C.E) Advanced level results of Mr. Yoshitha Rajapaksha who was recruited in the same year?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the date on which Mr. Yoshitha Rajapaksha joined with Sri Lanka Navy;
 - (ii) the date on which he enrolled in the Royal Naval Academy of United Kingdom for training;
 - (iii) the criterion on which Mr. Yoshitha Rajapaksha was selected for the aforesaid course of study;
 - (iv) the date on which he completed the aforesaid course of study; and
 - (v) the results he achieved in the examinations held subsequent to the aforesaid training?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware of the allegations leveled against
- (i) the former Sri Lankan Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ms. Kshenuka Seneviratne that she had given a contract to a group with LTTE connections; and
 - (ii) the former High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, Dr. Chris Nonis by Ms. Seneviratne following the assault on Dr. Nonis?
- (b) Will he state whether—
- (i) he has claimed in a recent interview that the allegation cited in (a) (i) had been made by Ms. Thamara Kunanayagam, one of the former Sri Lankan Permanent Representatives to the United Nations, due to a personal dispute with Ms. Seneviratne; and
 - (ii) he possesses any evidence for such a claim?

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- (c) Will he also state whether—
 - (i) a formal investigation has been conducted regarding these allegations;
 - (ii) the inquiry reports on said allegations are tabled; and
 - (iii) he has read the audit report prepared by representatives of the Treasury on the contract mentioned in part (a)(i)?
- (d) If not, why?

4784/14

11.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the measures adopted for minimizing the number of human lives lost in the island because of wild elephants;
 - (ii) whether an awareness exists regarding the overall length of electrical fencing (elephant fence) necessary for the whole island in order to be saved from wild elephants;
 - (iii) if so, how much is necessary;
 - (iv) what is the length of electrical fencing necessary for the Kurunegala District; and
 - (v) whether money has been allocated from this year's Budget for erecting the electric fence?
- (b) If not, why?

4813/14

12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Vehicles Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., that has been registered under the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, is currently engaged in a business of assembling and selling vehicles in Free Trade Zone and their customers are shown a letter that has been issued by the Commissioner General of Motor Traffic to the effect that the vehicles that are purchased from the aforesaid company will be registered within a period of one month;
 - (ii) but, however, the Department of Motor Traffic turns down the registration of vehicles sold by the aforesaid company; and
 - (iii) for that reason, a large number of buyers who have purchased motor vehicles from the aforesaid company have been inconvenienced a great deal, being unable to run their vehicles ?

(45)

(b) Will he inform this House whether the facilities will be provided to register the vehicles that have been purchased from Vehicles Lanka (Pvt)., Ltd, in the Department of Motor Traffic?

(c) If not, why?

5223/14

13.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state the total number of accredited banks in Sri Lanka?

(b) Will he also state—

(i) separately, the amount of assets in each of the said banks; and

(ii) the amount of credit granted by each of the said banks to the government?

(c) Will he inform this House whether there is a system to recover the loans granted by the said banks to the government?

(d) If not, why?

4819/14

14.

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

(a) Is he aware that —

(i) the air conditioned luxury vehicles obtained by the Air Force on hire basis are used by the senior officers of the Air Force for their private use; and

(ii) fuel for the said vehicles is obtained from the government?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether Sri Lanka Air Force and the Ministry of Defence have consented to the use of air conditioned luxury vehicles obtained on hire basis for the private use of the senior officers;

(ii) if not, whether an inquiry has been held regarding such use of vehicles; and

(iii) of the results of that inquiry?

(c) If not, why?

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4579/'13

1.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of licences that have been issued for casino gambling in Sri Lanka from the year 2012 to date;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of the aforesaid licence holders;
 - (iii) of the areas in which those casino resorts are operated;
 - (iv) whether it has been reported that casino resorts are being operated without licence; and
 - (v) if so, the action that has been taken against such casino resorts?
- (b) If not, why?

4801/'14

2.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of family health officers working throughout the country at present;
 - (ii) of the total requirement of family health officers for the whole country;
 - (iii) whether a policy decision has been taken to give midwifery training to nurses; and
 - (iv) whether measures will be taken to address the issue that has been arisen between nurses and family health officers with regard to midwifery training?
- (b) If not, why?

4822/'14

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(2)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether tenders were called for when the shop spaces and the car-park located at Maligawatte Housing Scheme in Colombo District were provided to be purchased; and
 - (ii) the methodology adopted to provide them, if tenders were not called for?

(47)

- (b) Will he table a document containing the names and addresses of those who submitted tender applications and the amount mentioned in each application, if tenders were called as mentioned above?
- (c) Will he also table—
 - (i) the names and addresses of the current owners of the shop spaces and the car park at Maligawatte Housing Scheme; and
 - (ii) separately, the amount paid by each of the said persons to obtain those shop spaces and the car park?
- (d) If not, why?

5420/14

4.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(4)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) arrangements have been made to construct a reservoir in extent of 800 acres by erecting an embankment across the river Kumbukkan Oya in Monaragala District;
 - (ii) as a result of constructing this reservoir, the pepper cultivation and the rubber cultivation of the Monaragala District will be severely affected;
 - (iii) as a result, the economic activities of the people in the area will be hampered; and
 - (iv) a massive damage will be caused to the forest and the environment due to the construction of the reservoir?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the intended objectives and targets of this water scheme;
 - (ii) what development is expected to be achieved by constructing the reservoir; and
 - (iii) what amount of money will have to be spent for the scheme?
- (c) If not, why?

5578/14

5.

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of beds available for in-house patients at the Borella Ayurveda Hospital in the year 2006;
 - (ii) the number of beds available for in-house patients of the said hospital as of now; and
 - (iii) if there is a decline in the number of beds in the said hospital during the period from the year 2006 up to now, the reason for the same?

(48)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Borella Ayurveda Hospital is included in the Colombo Urban Plan prepared by the Urban Development Authority in respect of the year 2020; and
 - (ii) if not, the reasons for the same?
- (c) If not, why?

5848/14

6.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Local Government and Democratic Governance,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) he is aware that an unauthorised construction on the access road close to assessment numbers 59 and 59/8 on Maligakanda lane in the No. 32 Kuppiyawatta West Division in the Colombo Municipal Council area is causing numerous inconveniences to the residents of the area; and
 - (ii) steps will be taken to develop the access road of the residents by removing the aforesaid unauthorized construction erected on the sponsorship of some officials of the Colombo Municipal Council?
- (b) If not, why?

5942/15

7.

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the names, posts and telephone numbers of the staff of the Members of Parliament including the Secretaries; and
 - (ii) separately, the period of service of the Secretary of each Member of Parliament?
- (b) If not, why?

6016/15

8.

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the steps that have been taken by the Department of Rubber Development in the last year in order to encourage the rubber cultivators;
 - (ii) the mechanism that is adopted to deliver the guaranteed price to the rubber cultivators;
 - (iii) whether the government gets involved with a private institution in order to cover the difference between the market price for rubber and the guaranteed price; and
 - (iv) the manner in which the new guaranteed price methodology is implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of bank accounts maintained by the Sri Lankans in various countries of the world;
 - (ii) the balances of those accounts in each of the aforesaid countries separately;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid account holders have deposited money in those accounts violating the laws of Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) if so, information about those accounts;
 - (v) whether requests have been made from the banks at the diplomatic level to get information about the aforesaid accounts;
 - (vi) if not, the reasons for that;
 - (vii) whether steps will be taken to institute legal action with regard to those accounts; and
 - (viii) if so, in what manner?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether it has been mentioned in the answer that was given to the question asked by me in Parliament about the accounts in HSBC bank of Switzerland, that the laws with regard to the financial intelligence should be amended; and
 - (ii) if so, whether the aforesaid laws have been amended by now?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Commissioner General of the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission can have only one Secretary;
 - (ii) Mrs. K.K.G. Padma, who had been serving in that Secretary post for twelve years, has been transferred from that post w.e.f. 12/08/2010;
 - (iii) the reason for this transfer is her refusal to sign the running charts of the vehicles that had been used by Mr. Anusha Pelpita, former Director General, exceeding the approved limits; and
 - (iv) she has been left in a state of redundancy and another person has been appointed as an Acting Secretary on a monthly allowance?

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- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether it is not illegal to pay yet another allowance to employ a person while the person appointed to the post still remains; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to assign Mrs. K.K.G. Padma the functions of the post and give her promotions, of which she had been deprived?
- (c) If not, why?

6038/15

11.

Hon. Victor Antony,— To ask the Minister of Internal Transport,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Depot Managers and the Assistant Depot Managers who had been serving at the Chilaw Depot and the Puttalam Depot of the Sri Lanka Transport Board have been removed from their posts without any charge against them; and
 - (ii) persons who have not even sat the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) and have no other qualification have been appointed to those posts; and
 - (iii) the institutions concerned will deteriorate as a result of appointing unsuitable persons in this manner?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether an example be set under good governance move by reinstating the persons removed from posts as stated in (a) (i) above?
- (c) If not, why?

6040/15

12.

Hon. Eric Prasanna Weerawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) funds have been allocated last year for the projects regarding the construction of the indoor stadium of Central College, Nugawela, reconstruction of the two storey building of Ananda College, Kandy and the construction of the two storey building in the Presidents Model Primary College, Pujapitiya, Medagoda; and
 - (ii) the construction work related to the aforesaid projects have been partly completed by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the above mentioned projects have been stopped by the present government; and
 - (ii) if so, whether the aforesaid construction projects will be restarted for the betterment of the children of the said schools?
- (c) If not, why?

4823/'14

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) air-conditioned luxury vehicles hired by the Sri Lanka Navy are used for the personal use of the senior officials of the Navy; and
 - (ii) fuel is obtained for those vehicles from the government?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the approval of the Sri Lanka Navy and the Ministry of Defence has been granted for the hired luxury vehicles to be used for the personal use of senior officials;
 - (ii) if not, whether an inquiry has been conducted in relation to the use of such vehicles; and
 - (iii) the outcome of that inquiry?
- (c) If not, why?

4837/'14

14.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Will he table—
 - (i) the number of hospitals administered by the North Western Provincial Council as per districts;
 - (ii) separately, the number of doctors, nurses, hospital labourers and other staff approved for each of the said hospitals; and
 - (iii) separately, the number of vacancies that exists in the approved cadre in each of the said hospitals?
- (b) If not, why?

5579/'14

15.

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Will he state the number of Ayurveda hospitals administered by the Ministry of Health and Indigenous Medicine at present?
 - (b) Will he table—
 - (i) the names of the aforementioned hospitals;
 - (ii) the locations of such hospitals; and
 - (iii) separately, the number of out patients and in-house patients who have sought treatment at each of the above hospitals during the year 2013?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, June 12, 2015

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P. 81/'10

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Training workers required for the job market,—
Adjourned debate on question (10th April 2015)

Motion made and question proposed,— “ That this Parliament resolves that the task of initiating a methodology for the training of workers required for the new employment opportunities generated in future Sri Lanka be commenced by all tertiary educational institutions in the country.” [P.81/'10]

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2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Re-organizing the Public Administration Structure,—
That this Parliament resolves since the Ministry of Public Administration is in the process of re-demarcating Grama Niladhari Divisions, the entire Public Administration Structure be re-organized in such a way that Divisional Secretariat Divisions and Districts be demarcated afresh through the re-demarcated Grama Niladhari Divisions and such newly demarcated Divisional Secretary's Areas be made Local Government Areas and such area should consist of jurisdictions of all public institutions including Divisional Education Area, Police Area, Agrarian Services Area and the Regional Health Services Officers Area.

P. 83/'10

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Resumption of the further development activities of the Nilwala Ganga project,— That this Parliament resolves that further development activities of the Nilwala Ganga project be resumed forthwith and steps be taken expeditiously to solve the problems faced by the people who cultivate various crops on the catchment area of the Nilwala Valley, due to the stalled development activities of the Nilwala Ganga project in the Matara District.

P.84/'10

4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Extending the honorary post of Justice of the Peace even beyond the term of the Peoples Representatives of the Provincial Councils and Local Government Bodies,— Since the honorary post of Justice of the Peace accorded to the Peoples Representatives of the Provincial Councils and Local Government Bodies are confined only to their term of office, a large number of people who approach them for the relevant service, even after their terms of office is over, are greatly inconvenienced. Therefore this Parliament resolves that a suitable system be adopted to extend this post to the Peoples Representatives even beyond their terms of office.

P.85/'10

5.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Reconsideration of allowances and privileges of all Members and Ministers of the Provincial Councils,— That this Parliament resolves that proper measures be adopted in this regard following deep consideration since the allowances privileges and facilities of the Hon. Ministers, Chairmen, Vice Chairmen, Chief Government Whips, Leader of the House, Leader of the Opposition, Chief Opposition Whip and Hon. Members of the existing Provincial Councils and the Northern Provincial Council which is to officially function in near future, are not in a proper state.

P.86/'10

6.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Reconsideration of the allowances and privileges granted to all Peoples Representatives in Local Authorities,— That this Parliament resolves that since there are irregularities with respect to the allowances, privileges and other facilities granted to the Mayors, Chairmen, Deputy Mayors, Vice Chairmen and the Members of the existing Municipal Councils, Urban Councils and Pradeshiya Sabhas in the Island and the Municipal Councils, Urban Councils and Pradeshiya Sabhas which are planned to be established in the future, serious consideration be drawn to this matter and proper courses of action be followed in this regard.

P.87/'10

7.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Issuing death certificates for the disappeared Tamil persons in the North and East,— That this Parliament resolves that immediate investigations be carried out to find out whether the persons who disappeared due to various reasons during the past period of about three decades of war in the North and East are still alive or not, and if they are not alive death certificate should be issued for them.

P. 88/'10

8.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulation of a National Youth Policy,— That this Parliament resolves that a select committee be appointed consisting of the Hon. Members of Parliament representing all the political parties for formulating a National Youth Policy suitable for Sri Lanka to get the assistance of the veterans, academics and intellectuals as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations representing all the related fields for that purpose.

P. 89/'10

9.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Making use of Government Schools and Universities for education units, during vacations,— That this Parliament resolves that adult and non formal education units should be started on concessionary rates with the involvement of business community, Non Government Organizations, Chambers of Commerce and community based organizations during school holidays and afternoon sessions and University vacations.

P. 90/'10

10.

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

P.91/'10

11.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Granting official recognition to prevailing Civil Defence Committees,— That this Parliament resolves that a Parliamentary Act to be enacted to enable official recognition be granted to Civil Defence Committees operational at present and to make it more convenient for those committees comprising of the Chief Incumbent, Priest of the religious institutions, the Principal, Grama Niladhari, Samurdhi Development Officer, Agriculture Research Assistant, Janasabha Secretaries, an officer representing the Police Station of the area, representatives from the voluntary organizations, public and private sector employees who are residents of the Grama Niladhari Division, be set up and to facilitate proper co-ordination with the relevant authorities against criminal acts, vices and various illegal activities taking place in the Grama Niladhari Division.

P.92/'10

12.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Updating outdated laws and regulations currently being in operation in the Island,— That this Parliament resolves that since laws and regulations introduced during the Colonial Era are still in operation, that committees be appointed to review such laws and regulations and a national programme be implemented to update outdated penalties, fines etc.

P.93/'10

13.

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

P. 94/'10

14.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking action to strengthen Parliamentary Democracy,— That this Parliament resolves that an amendment to the Constitution required to design a system to ensure the representation of the heads of the Local Government Bodies in the Provincial Councils and the heads of Provincial Councils in the Parliament, be introduced for the maintenance of proper coordination between the Parliament and the Provincial Councils and between the Provincial Councils and the Local Government Bodies in order to make democracy in the country more stronger.

P. 95/'10

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. 96/'10

16.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing relief to the party rendered helpless due to the improper behavior of the spouse,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary laws be drafted to prevent the spouse together with the children becoming utterly helpless due to the husband or the wife being engaged in alcoholism, gambling and other improper behaviors and selling or transferring to others land or household goods on his or her own will, when a married couple are living under the same roof.

P.98/'10

17.

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

P.99/'10

18.

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

P.100/'10

19.

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

P.101/'10

20.

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

P.102/'10

21.

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

P.103/'10

22.

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

P.105/'10

23.

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

P.108/'10

24.

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

P.109/'10

25.

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

P.110/'10

26.

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

P.111/'10

27.

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

P.112/'10

28.

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

P.113/'10

29.

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

P.114/'10

30.

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

P.115/10

31.

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

P.116/10

32.

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

P.118/10

33.

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

P.119/10

34.

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

P.120/10

35.

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

P.138/11

36.

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

P.139/'11

37.

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.159/'12

38.

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

P.160/'12

39.

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.

P.161/'12

40.

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

P.162/'12

41.

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.163/'12

42.

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.170/'12

43.

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.171/'12

44.

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.172/'12

45.

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.175/'13

46.

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.176/'13

47.

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.177/'13

48.

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.178/'13

49.

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.179/'13

50.

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.

P.180/'13

51.

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.191/'13

52.

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.192/'13

53.

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.197/'13

54.

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.198/'13

55.

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.77/'10

56.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Removing the salary anomalies of the Public Service Pensioners,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be formulated to remove the severe salary anomaly that exists between the salaries of the public servants who had retired prior to 01.06.2006 and those who retired after the said date, created as a result of the salary conversion of public servants that was effected from 01.06.2006, according to the salary revisions circular 6/2006.

P.201/'14

57.

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.202/'14

58.

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.203/'14

59.

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.204/'14

60.

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.205/'14

61.

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.206/'14

62.

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.208/'14

63.

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.209/'14

64.

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.210/'14

65.

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.211/'14

66.

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.214/'14

67.

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.215/'14

68.

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.216/'14

69.

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.217/'14

70.

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.218/'14

71.

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.

P.219/'14

72.

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.220/'14

73.

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.221/'14

74.

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.222/'14

75.

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.223/'14

76.

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.224/'14

77.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Designating as National Heroes those Sri Lankans who were branded by British Colonial rulers as traitors,— That this Parliament resolves that all those Sri Lankans, who had fought death-defiantly against British Colonial rulers in the name of the country and had been branded as traitors from the year 1815 up to the Independence in the year 1948, should be designated National Heroes by a Gazette Extraordinary.

P.225/'14

78.

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.226/'14

79.

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.227/'14

80.

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.228/'14

81.

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.

P.229/'14

82.

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.230/'14

83.

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.231/'14

84.

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.

P.232/'14

85.

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.

P.233/'14

86.

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.234/'14

87.

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.235/'14

88.

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.236/'14

89.

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.237/'14

90.

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.238/'14

91.

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.239/'14

92.

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.240/'14

93.

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.241/'14

94.

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.242/'14

95.

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.

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96.

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.244/'14

97.

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.245/'14

98.

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. 246/'14

99.

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. 247/'14

100.

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. 248/'14

101.

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. 249/'14

102.

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.

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103.

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 'ඛ, ඞ, ට, ඬ,' are controversial.

P. 251/'14

104.

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. 252/'14

105.

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.

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106.

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.

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107.

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.

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108.

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. 256/'14

109.

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.257/'14

110.

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. 258/'14

111.

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. 259/'14

112.

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.261/'14

113.

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.

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114.

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.

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115.

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.

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116.

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.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

* 1

The Minister of Education,— Select Committee of Parliament for the formulation of a National Education Policy,—Whereas an oppressive environment has been created for teachers as well as school children and parents as a result of non development of education qualitatively and structurally in relation to the quantitative development of the education system since the implementation of the free education system in Sri Lanka,

Whereas a social opinion has been created that various irregularities, injustices as well as frauds and corruptions are being committed in the education system with regard to the said matter,

Whereas a public opinion has been formed that far-reaching changes and reforms shall take place in the overall education system, taking into account knowledge centered development strategy as enunciated in the Mahinda Chintana Idiri Dekma,

Whereas the formulation of a national education policy pertaining to the development of knowledge, attitude and skills of students from preschool up to university education with relevance to the creation of the future of entire Sri Lankan student population is a matter that cannot be deferred and that shall be accorded national priority,

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

- (a) look into the quantitative, qualitative and structural changes that should take place in preschool, primary, secondary, and tertiary education,
 - (b) look into changes that shall be made in the education system to safeguard core national, religious and cultural values,
 - (c) look into changes that should take place in pirivena education,
 - (d) look into whether there is a specific system in admitting children to Grade One,
 - (e) look into whether alternative methods that can be incorporated into the education system should be created to bring the results of all examinations and tests to a higher level and for students who do not qualify for higher education,
 - (f) look into methods as to how students who go abroad to pursue education overseas without entering a university in Sri Lanka despite obtaining the qualifications to enter university could be provided with educational opportunities within the country itself,
 - (g) look into as to what methods can be adopted to eliminate disparities that exist as per regions, races and religions,
 - (h) look into the nature of the interrelationships between the central government and provincial councils in implementing the national education policy,
 - (i) look into as to what measures shall be taken to determine the role and responsibility of teachers, in service advisors, principals, divisional education directors, zonal educational directors, provincial education directors and all educationists in the education process.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) members.
- (c) That its report shall be presented to Parliament within three (3) months of its first meeting or any such period as extended by Parliament.

3. That the Committee shall have the power to,
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee;
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on suspicious or illegal transactions in the Stock Market from and after the year 2010,—

Whereas serious doubts have arisen regarding the transparency and propriety of Share Market transactions in Sri Lanka;

And whereas these it is also reported that certain individuals in high positions in Government and elsewhere have and are continuing to indulge in insider trading and similar malpractices;

And whereas these concerns are likely to have an adverse effect on the credibility of Stock Market transactions in Sri Lanka;

And whereas investor confidence in Sri Lanka will be seriously eroded if no corrective steps are taken.

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

- (a) whether any transactions in the Stock Market from and after the year 2010 are of suspicious or illegal nature;
- (b) whether there is evidence of insider trading within the Stock Market during this period;
- (c) whether there is evidence of any fraud involving Government Funds;
- (d) if so, who the individuals responsible for trading and such fraudulent activities are;
- (e) whether there is evidence of any other malpractices in the Stock Market;
- (f) if so, what these malpractices are;
- (g) who the individuals responsible for the malpractices are;
- (h) whether there is evidence of complicity by those charged with ensuring compliance with the Rules and Regulations governing Share Transactions;

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- (i) the steps and measures that are necessary to prevent such insider trading and malpractices recurring in future; and
 - (j) such other matters that the Committee in its discretion determines are relevant to their inquiry.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to—
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of specialists and experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake

Hon. H. M. M. Harees

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga

Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam

Hon. J. Sri Ranga

Hon. Harin Fernando,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on the acute shortage of essential drugs in the country,—

Whereas there is an acute shortage of essential drugs in the country;

And whereas the Hon. Minister of Health disclosed in Parliament the reasons for this shortage;

And whereas if no remedial action is taken immediately to correct this situation, it will result in a catastrophe.

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

- (a) inquire into the reasons for this shortage;
 - (b) recommend the short term measures necessary to overcome the situation; and
 - (c) recommend the permanent measures necessary to prevent the re-occurrence of this situation in the future.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to —
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its report within six months of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam
Hon. J. Sri Ranga
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake

Hon. Harin Fernando

Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma

Hon. H. M. M. Harees

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga

Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on the causes of the recurrent flooding of the Colombo City and its suburbs,—

Whereas the last several days has seen most of the Colombo Municipal Council area and large sections of the Colombo District subject to severe floods;

And whereas this has become a regular recurrent feature in the lines of the citizens of both the Colombo Municipal Council and the District;

And whereas no effort has been made by those responsible to arrest this situation;

And whereas no action has also been made to prevent the recurrent of these floods,

And whereas the situation has gone from bad to worse with the passage of time;

And whereas everything tends to be forgotten after the floods have receded;

And whereas this is a most unsatisfactory state of affairs.

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

- (a) inquire into the causes of the recurrent flooding of the Colombo City, its environment and the District;
 - (b) inquire into the immediate and short term measures necessary to prevent the flooding as aforesaid; and
 - (c) recommend ways and means of the permanently preventing the recurrence of this problem.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
 4. The Committee shall make its report within six months of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

5.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. D.M. Swaminadan

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. J. Sri Ranga,— Select Committee of Parliament to review the laws dealing with Elections and to recommend the amendments,—

Whereas over the last several years numerous attempts have been made to reform the Electoral System of Sri Lanka;

And whereas Select Committees to look into the Electoral Reform have been appointed on many occasions including during the 5th Parliament and thereafter during the 6th Parliament in 2006;

And whereas several interim reports have been presented by these Committees;

And whereas no action has been taken to implement the recommendations of these Committees;

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

- (a) review the laws dealing with elections more particularly the Registration of Electors Act, the Local Authorities Elections Act, the Provincial Council Elections Act, the Parliamentary Elections Act and the Presidential Elections Act, together with the several amendments made to the said Acts over the years and the Special Provisions Acts made applicable to the provisions of the Acts set out above;
 - (b) assess the need to revise, amend and consolidate these Acts, and
 - (c) recommend the reform and amendments necessary to the current laws dealing with elections.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker,
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to —
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book, record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
 4. The Committee shall make its report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

6.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. (Dr) Jayalath Jayawardana

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. (Mrs) Thalatha Atukorale

Hon. (Mrs) Chandrani Bandara Jayasinghe,—Select Committee of Parliament to review the implementation of the provisions of the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution and to report whether any further amendments are necessary for its implementation,—

Whereas the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution was passed by Parliament and certified in 2001;

And whereas the provisions of the said amendment have introduced and incorporated several salient provisions to ensure the independence of several state administrative and judicial agencies;

And whereas the said amendments were intended to ensure a just and free society;

And whereas the provisions of the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution have been observed in the breach,

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to:-

- (a) review the implementation of the provisions of the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution;
 - (b) recommend the steps necessary to ensure the observance of its provisions;
 - (c) consider whether any further amendments are necessary.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;

- (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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Hon. Ranil Wickremasinghe
Hon. Karu Jayasuriya
Hon. John Amaratunga
Hon. Rauf Hakeem
Hon. Mangala Samaraweera,—Committee on Public Finance,—

There shall be a Committee to be designated the Committee on Public Finance consisting of a Chairman and eleven members nominated by the Committee of Selection provided that the Chairman shall be a Member of the Opposition.

2. It shall be the duty of the Committee to examine :
- (a) the collection of revenue under Article 148 of the Constitution;
 - (b) the payment from the consolidated fund under Article 149(1) of the Constitution;
 - (c) the utilization of public funds for specific purposes by law under Article 149(1) of the Constitution;
 - (d) the application of public funds under Article 150(1) and 150(2) of the Constitution;
 - (e) the recessions of appropriations contained in the Appropriations Act, for the current year, the transfer of appropriation and the unexpected balance;
 - (f) the implementation of the Appropriation Act for the current year;
 - (g) public debt and debt service;
 - (h) reports and statements under the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act, No. 2 of 2003.

3. The Committee shall from time to time report to Parliament matters arising from the matters referred to in paragraph 2.
4. The Committee shall present within 6 weeks of the tabling of the Budget Estimates of the Bill a report on the estimates including whether the money is well laid out within the limits of Government policy.
5. The Committee shall present before Parliament within 04 days after the presentation of the Budget and the Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill a Report on the fiscal, financial and economic assumptions used as bases in arriving at total estimated expenditures and receipts.

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8. Hon. Ranil Wickremasinghe
Hon. Karu Jayasuriya
Hon. John Amaratunga
Hon. Rauf Hakeem
Hon. Mangala Samaraweera,— Oversight Standing Committees,—

This Parliament resolves that,

- (a) There shall be in Parliament Committees styled “Oversight Standing Committees” as indicated below, each of which shall have the jurisdiction and related functions as indicated to examine all Bills, resolutions, treaties, reports and other matters relating to subjects to their jurisdiction as listed below;
- (b) All Bills, resolutions, treaties, reports and other matters within their jurisdiction shall be referred to the relevant Committees for report prior to being placed before the House.

1. International Relations

Including International Trade-Overseas Employment, International Organization, International Conferences and Agreements, Regional Organizations.

2. National Security

Including Defence of Sri Lanka, Armed Forces, Intelligence, Public Law and Order, Police and Security, Cooperation with Foreign Countries.

3. Agriculture and Lands

Including Plantation Industries, Mahaweli Authority, Land and Irrigation

4. Human Resources and Culture

Including Education, Training, Youth, Sports, Culture and Religious Affairs

5. Human Settlement and Energy
Urban and Rural Infrastructure, Highways, Roads, Railway, Shipping, Aviation, Posts and Telecommunications
 6. Human Welfare
Including Health, Social Welfare, Poverty Alleviation, Disabled, Senior Citizens and Child Welfare
 7. Internal Administration
 8. Environment and Natural Resources
Including Water Management, Aquatic Resources, Exclusive Economic Zone and Fisheries
 9. Legal and Women's Affairs
Includes Courts, Human Rights, Media, Labour, National Integration and Gender.
- (c) Parliament shall allocate the subjects, functions, departments and institution assigned to Ministries under Articles 44(c) and 45(1) of the Constitution to the appropriate Standing Committee for the purpose of legislative oversight.
2. (a) The various Oversight Standing Committees shall have general oversight responsibilities as provided in paragraph (b) in order to assist Parliament in:-
- (i) its analysis, appraisal and evaluation of -
 - (a) the application, administration, executive and effectiveness of legislations passed by Parliament; and
 - (b) conditions and circumstances that may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation; and
 - (ii) its formulation, consideration, and enactment or changes in laws, and of such additional legislation as may be necessary or appropriate.
- (b) In order to determine whether laws, projects and programmes addressing subjects within the jurisdiction of a committee are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of Parliament and whether they should be continued, curtailed, or eliminated, each standing committee shall review and study on a continuing basis-
- (i) the application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of legislation projects and programmes addressing subjects within its jurisdiction;
 - (ii) the organization and operation of Departments and Institutions having responsibilities for the administration and execution of legislation projects and programmes addressing subjects within its jurisdiction;

- (iii) any conditions or circumstances that may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation addressing subjects within its jurisdiction (whether or not a bill or resolution has been introduced with respect thereto); and
 - (iv) future research and forecasting on subjects within its jurisdiction.
 - (c) Each Committee may conduct at any time such investigations and studies as it considers necessary or appropriate in the exercise of its responsibilities.
 - (d) Not later than six weeks after the commencement of the first session of Parliament, each Standing Committee shall, adopt its oversight plan for that Parliament. Such plan shall be submitted to the Committee on Parliament Business. In developing its plan each committee shall, to the maximum extent feasible-
 - (i) consult with other committees that have jurisdiction over the same or related legislation projects, programmes, or agencies within its jurisdiction with the objective of ensuring maximum coordination and cooperation among committees when conducting reviews of such legislation projects, programmes, or agencies and include in its plan an explanation of steps that have been or will be taken to ensure such coordination and cooperation;
 - (ii) review specific problems with Government rules, regulations, statues and court decisions that are ambiguous, arbitrary or nonsensical, or that impose severe financial burdens on individuals;
 - (iii) give priority consideration to including in its plan the review of those legislation projects, programmes, or agencies operating under permanent budget authority or permanent statutory authority; and
 - (iv) have a view toward ensuring that all significant legislation projects, programmes, or agencies within its jurisdiction are subject to review every 10 years.
 - (e) Not later than nine weeks after the commencement of the first session of Parliament, the Committee on Parliamentary Business shall report to the Parliament the oversight plans submitted by committees together with any recommendations that it, may make to ensure the most effective coordination of oversight plans and otherwise to achieve the objectives of this sub clause.
- 3.
 - (a) The Parliament may refer any item to any Oversight Standing Committee.
 - (b) A Minister may refer any matter to the relevant Oversight Standing Committee having jurisdiction over the subject, function, department or institution coming under the Minister.
- 4.
 - (a) The Speaker shall refer each Bill, regulation, resolution or other matter that relates to a subject listed under an Oversight Standing Committee named under Paragraph 1(a) above in accordance with the provisions of this Standing Order.
 - (b) The Speaker shall refer matters under paragraph 4 (a) in such manner as to ensure to the maximum extent feasible that each committee that has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1(a) over the subject matter of a provision thereof may consider such provision and report to Parliament thereon.

- (c) In carrying out paragraphs (a) and (b) with respect to the referral of a matter, the Speaker:-
 - (i) shall designate a committee of primary jurisdiction;
 - (ii) may refer the matter to one or more additional committees for consideration initially or after the matter has been reported by the committee of primary jurisdiction for its opinion;
 - (iii) may subject a referral to appropriate time limitations; and
 - (iv) may make such other provision as may be considered appropriate.
 - (d) The opinion shall deal solely with those matters that fall under the areas of responsibility of the Committee giving an opinion.
 - (e) The Committee of Primary Jurisdiction shall fix a deadline within which the Committee asks for an opinion and must deliver if it to be taken into account in the Committee of Primary Jurisdiction.
5. (a) Each Committee when acting in the exercise of its jurisdiction shall submit to the Speaker a report in respect of each item considered by the Committee. The Speaker shall cause such report to be tabled before Parliament.
- (b) (i) Any Report by a Committee on any Bill or regulation shall comprise draft amendments if any to the proposal accompanied, if appropriate by short justifications.
 - (ii) Any such amendment to a Bill will be submitted by the Speaker to Parliament during the Committee stage of such Bill under SO 56 as an amendment moved by the Chairman of the Committee or such other member designated by the Committee.
 - (iii) Any such amendment to a regulation will be submitted by the Speaker as an amendment moved by the Chairman of the Committee or such other member designated by the Committee.
- (c) The Parliament may by motion approve the recommendations of any non-legislative report placed before Parliament.
6. (a) Each Standing Committee will prepare a calendar of its meetings and submit it to the Speaker.
- (b) Each Standing Committee will meet not less than two days of the month. The meetings of each Standing Committee will be summoned in accordance with the calendar/timetable upon its approval by the Speaker.
 - (c) Additional meetings of any Standing Committee shall be summoned either at the request of Parliament or at the request of half the members of the Standing Committee.

(d) One third of the Members of Parliament may in writing request that any Standing Committee submit a report on the progress of any matter referred to such Committee provided that 8 weeks has passed after such referral. Upon receiving such request, such Standing Committee shall within two weeks submit a Report to Parliament. Such Report shall be tabled in Parliament.

7. Every Standing Committee will function for the duration of Parliament.

8. (a) All Members of Parliament other than the following are eligible to serve as Members of Standing Committees:

- (i) Speaker
- (ii) Deputy Speaker
- (iii) Deputy Chairman of Committees
- (iv) Prime Minister
- (v) Leader of the House
- (vi) Leader of the Opposition
- (vii) Ministers of Cabinet appointed under Article 44(1) of the Constitution
- (viii) Ministers appointed under Article 45(1) of the Constitution the subjects and functions of whose Ministries do not come within the purview of a Minister of the Cabinet or is not delegated subjects and functions under Article 45(4).

(b) Every eligible member shall serve as a Member of one Standing Committee. Deputy Ministers and Ministers not falling under Paragraph 8 (a)(viii) shall not serve in any Standing Committee whose jurisdiction and related functions are the same as any subject, function, Department or Institution of the Minister of the Cabinet under whose purview such Deputy Minister or Minister functions.

(c) (i) The Speaker shall prepare a list of eligible members.

(ii) The places in each Standing Committee will be allocated by the Speaker to political parties and independent groups represented in Parliament according to the numerical strength amongst the list of eligible members.

(d) The Leaders of the Parties or of the Independent Groups in Parliament shall submit the nomination of members of each Standing Committee to the Speaker. The Speaker shall announce such names to Parliament in consultation with the Committee of Selection.

(e) The Leader of any Party or Independent Group in Parliament may in writing request the Speaker to remove any such member nominated under paragraph 8(d) from such Committee. The Speaker shall on receiving such request remove such member from such Committee after informing Parliament.

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- (f) (i) Each Standing Committee shall at its first meeting and thereafter at the first meeting after the post of Chairman becomes vacant elect a Chairman of the Standing Committee.
 - (ii) A Minister or a Deputy Minister shall not be eligible to be elected as a Chairman of a Standing Committee.
 - (g) Any Member who absents himself from three consecutive meetings of the Committee shall be deemed to have vacated his membership of the Committee.
9. Each Oversight Standing Committee may when it considers necessary appoint Sub Committees of its own members to examine and report to such Committee such matters as deemed necessary.
10. Matters referred to an Oversight Standing Committee may not be taken up for consideration by Parliament until 3 months has lapsed from the Reference provided that if Parliament has by resolution extended the time for the reporting on any specific matter then the consideration of such matter shall take place only after the lapse of the period as referred to in the resolution.
11. Every Oversight Standing Committee may in regard to any Bill or any other matter of public importance call for evidence from all parties affected by such Bill or of any interested parties or persons of experience.
12. (a) Whenever a Report of an Oversight Standing Committee recommends the enactment of legislation other than a Bill referred to in Article 152 of the Constitution or an amendment to the Constitution, the Chairman or any other member of the Committee specified in the Report for such purpose may after notice, subject to Article 78 of the Constitution, present a motion for the Bill to be read the first time in Parliament without an order of Parliament. Copies of the Bill shall be presented with the motion. The Speaker shall place such motion before Parliament for a vote within six weeks of the motion being presented to Parliament, provided that if the period of six weeks falls within the Second Reading or the Committee Stage or Third Reading of the Appropriation Bill shall be placed before Parliament after the completion of the consideration of the Appropriation Bill. Upon Parliament approving such a motion, the Bill shall be read for the first time and ordered to be printed.
- Provided that such Bill has been approved by 2/3 of the total Members of the Oversight Standing Committee and recorded so with the names.
- (b) After the Bill is read the first time and ordered to be Printed, the Speaker shall refer such Bill to the Cabinet of Ministers and no further proceedings shall be taken until the Cabinet of Ministers submits a Report to Parliament.
 - (c) After the Cabinet of Ministers have submitted a Report to Parliament or after the expiry of two months from the date the Bill was referred to the Cabinet of Ministers, the Bill shall be set down for Second Reading.

13. (a) Every Standing Committee shall be empowered to send for persons, papers and records and shall submit Reports containing their opinions and observations together with the minutes of evidence taken before them to Parliament.
(b) A reservation by any member of a Standing Committee may be attached to any Report of such Committee.
14. (a) Whenever the Report of a Standing Committee recommends the enactment of legislation referred to in Article 152 of the Constitution, the Cabinet of Ministers shall submit its opinion to Parliament within 3 months of such report being tabled in Parliament.
(b) Whenever the Report of a Standing Committee is a non-legislation report, the Cabinet of Ministers shall submit its opinion within 2 months of the Report being tabled in Parliament. Such Report shall not be taken up for consideration by Parliament.
15. Whenever any agency, association, officer or person is required to maintain confidentiality or secrecy under any law the relevant Standing Committee shall act in accordance with such law.
16. (a) Any Regulation pertaining to Public Security made under Article 155 of the Constitution shall be referred to the Standing Committee on Legal and Women's Affairs for report. Whenever the short title of a Regulation refers to specific subjects coming under the jurisdiction of another Committee, the Speaker shall refer such Regulation to such Standing Committee in accordance with paragraph 4(c)(ii).
(b) Paragraph 7 shall not apply to reference made under sub paragraph (a).
17. Any Oversight Standing Committee may after obtaining the permission of the Speaker confer with one or more other Standing Committees.
18. The Secretary to the Minister of Finance and the Director Budget and the Secretary of the relevant Ministry shall immediately inform the Public Finance Committee of the transfer of any appropriations and the transfer of unexpended balance.
19. Jurisdiction shall mean Legislative Oversight Jurisdiction and include jurisdiction over subordinate Legislation.

The Secretary of the relevant Ministry shall immediately inform the relevant Oversight Committee of any transfer of appropriation and the transfer of any unexpended balance.
20. Paragraph 8(a) and (f)(ii) shall apply to Committee on Public Accounts and Committee on Public Enterprises.

9.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. Harin Fernando

Hon. Kabir Hashim

Hon. D. M. Swaminadan

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene

Hon. R. Yogarajan

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana

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

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

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

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

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

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. Palitha Range Bandara

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana

Hon. R. Yogarajan

Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma

Hon. Niroshan Perera

Hon. Abdul Haleem

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) Under which legal provision KP is being held in custody;
 - (b) Whether it is intended to frame charges against KP, and if so —
 - (i) Under what law he be charged,
 - (ii) What offences be included in the charge sheet,
 - (iii) When it is proposed to file charges against him, and
 - (iv) In which Court such charges be framed;
 - (c) Whether requests have been made for his extradition and if so, which countries have made such requests and whether it is proposed to extradite him;
 - (d) The fate and location of the assets of the LTTE which were in the possession of “KP” with particular reference to bullion and ships;
 - (e) The Select Committee should also address itself to the question whether any official or officials are guilty of treacherous conduct and dereliction of duty in holding “KP” without proceeding against him under the laws of the country.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to,—
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

11.

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage

Hon. Harin Fernando

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) How such a Hedging Agreements totally disadvantageous to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation came to be entered into;
 - (b) Who were the officers in the Corporation responsible for these Agreements;
 - (c) The total loss to the Corporation as a result of these Hedging Agreements;
 - (d) The steps that should be taken to prevent such occurrences in the future;
 - (e) What action should be taken against those responsible for the Hedging Agreements;
 - (f) Any other matter that the Committee deems appropriate in the circumstances which has a bearing on these matters under consideration.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;

- (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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12.

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera

Hon. Mohan Lal Grero

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) Why tender procedures were not followed in placing the order of this stock of petroleum;
 - (b) Whether in fact low quality petroleum was imported by the Corporation;
 - (c) The country from where such imports were made;
 - (d) The total cost of the imports;
 - (e) The total loss to the Corporation as a result of such imports;
 - (f) Why no action was taken to prevent such imports;
 - (g) Why no action was taken to reject the stocks that arrived if they were found to be low quality;
 - (h) Why after having known that the imported stocks were low quality, they were dispatched to the several sheds in the country;
 - (i) Why the payment was made after it was discovered that the imported stocks were of low quality;
 - (j) Why the public were not informed that there was bound to be a shortage of petrol;
 - (k) The persons responsible for such imports;
 - (l) The steps that should be taken to prevent such occurrences in the future;
 - (m) What action should be taken against those responsible for these imports;
 - (n) Any other matter that the Committee deems appropriate in the circumstances which has a bearing on these matters under consideration.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker,
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to :
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;

- (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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

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

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

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

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

This Parliament resolves as follows:

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

- (a) enhance the unity of the people of Sri Lanka;
 - (b) further empower the people to work as a nation; and
 - (c) enable the people to take decisions and engage in actions towards their economic, social and political development.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than thirty one (31) members.
3. The said Select Committee of Parliament is empowered to—
- (a) determine its quorum,
 - (b) summon such persons and documents as it deemed necessary;
 - (c) examine, on oath or affirmation and person so summoned;
 - (d) continue notwithstanding the adjournment of Parliament from time to time, and
 - (e) submit interim reports from time to time.

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14.

Hon. Maithripala Sirisena
Hon. Nirmala Kotalawala
Hon. Mohamed Aslam
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. W. B. Ekanayake
Hon. A. R. M. Abdul Cader
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Vinayagamoorthi Muralidaran
Hon. Palany Thigambaram
Hon. Sarana Gunawardena
Hon. Jagath Balasuriya
Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Y. G. Padmasiri
Hon. Sajin De Vass Gunawardena
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Udith Lokubandara
Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe
Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie

Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera
Hon. Achala Jagodage
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage
Hon. (Dr.) Rohana Pushpa Kumara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. Sarath Kumara Gunaratne
Hon. Tissa Karalliyadda
Hon. Hemal Gunasekera
Hon. Eric Prasanna Weerawardhana
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Gitanjana Gunawardena
Hon. Reginold Cooray
Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Jayarathne Herath
Hon. Victor Antony
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Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
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Hon. J. R. P. Suriyapperuma

Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne

Hon. S.C. Mutukumarana

Hon. A. D. Susil Premajyantha

Hon. Rauf Hakeem

Hon. Milroy Fernando

Hon. (Dr.) Mervyn Silva

Hon. A. L. M. Athaulla

Hon. A. M. Chamika Buddhadasa

Hon. Felix Perera

Hon. Wimal Weerawansa

Hon. M.B. Farook

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

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

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

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

- (a) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Janaka Bandara, former Magistrate, Wellawaya and whether he was compelled and pressurized to tender his resignation,
- (b) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Hiran Ekenayake, former Additional Magistrate, Colombo and whether his services were terminated maliciously.
- (c) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Sunil Lawrence de Costa, former Magistrate,
- (d) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Anura Bandara, former Additional District Judge, Matara,
- (e) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr D M Siriwardena, former Magistrate, Maligakanda
- (f) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Palitha Bandaranayake, former District Judge, Negombo,
- (g) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Prabhath de Silva, former District Judge, Nuwara Eliya,

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- (h) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr D M T B Dissanayake, former Magistrate, Kebithigollawa,
 - (i) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Harold Wijesiri Liyanage, former Additional Magistrate, Colombo,
 - (j) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr K D D K de Abrew, former Magistrate, Morawaka,
 - (k) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Y L Dharmasena, former Magistrate, Balapitiya,
 - (l) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Nandana Weerasinghe, former Additional Magistrate, Kandy,
 - (m) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr A M D S Dikkapitiya, former Magistrate, Kantale,
 - (n) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr G D Kulatilake, former District Judge, Elpitiya,
 - (o) in addition to the aforementioned, instances where the services of judicial officers has been terminated maliciously,
 - (p) whether Hon Sarath N Silva caused the appointment as caretaker of the Judges Institute which was functioning at the official residence of the chief justice at 129, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 07, of a person by the name of Rohana Kumara, against whom several cases were pending,
 - (q) the circumstances relating to the formation of The Buddhist Broadcasting Services of which Hon Sarath N Silva is an honorary Director and the decision in CBN Sat case, where the Petitioner Muhunthan Canagey had given a donation of Rs. 65 million to start The Buddhist TV channel,
 - (r) matters connected with the role of Hon Sarath N Silva in the World Bank/ UNDP funded project on modernization of Parliament, democracy and development,
 - (s) whether any other persons are aggrieved as a result of malicious action on the part of Hon Sarath N Silva during his tenure of office as Chief Justice.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than thirty one (31) Members,
3. That the Committee shall have the power to, —
- (a) fix its quorum;

- (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
- (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
- (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
- (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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15.

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana

Hon. P. Harrison

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage

Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara Jayasinghe

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva

Hon. Sajith Premadasa

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

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

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

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

And whereas the more prominent among these institutions are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) look into the affairs of these institutions reflected in the COPE Report and more particularly the institutions listed herein to determine the causes for these losses;
 - (b) determine whether any individual or individuals are responsible for the mismanagement of these institutions or involved in fraudulent activities;
 - (c) prevent continued occurrence of these losses;
 - (d) recommend what action should be taken in the first instance to punish those responsible;
 - (e) determine what steps should be taken to recover these losses; and
 - (f) determine what additional legislation is necessary to implement the recommendations in the Report, including the establishment of a Parliamentary Budget Office.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to—
 - (a) fix its quorum ;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book, record or document in the possession or under the control of such person ;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer ;

- (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee ; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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16.

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. Kabir Hashim

Hon. Mangala Samaraweera

Hon. P. Harrison

Hon. R. Yogarajan

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera

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

And whereas contradictory statements are being made by various parties;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) examine the modalities of the 'Z' score;
- (b) examine the reasons which led to this problem;
- (c) recommend means to rectify and remedy to the Advance Level results for the academic year 2011;

- (d) recommend steps to be taken to prevent future occurrence of such problems; and
 - (e) recommend other remedial measures that the Committee deems necessary.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker,
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to—
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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17.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. Sajith Premadasa
Hon. D. M. Swaminadan
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. Akila Wiraj Kariyawasam
Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. Karu Jayasuriya
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. Ajith P. Perera
Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale
Hon. Mangala Samaraweera

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe

Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara Jayasinghe

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. Abdul Haleem

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare

Hon. Palitha Range Bandara

Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma

Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga

Hon. R. Yogarajan

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi

Hon. Dunesh Gankanda

Hon. (Mrs) Rosy Senanayake

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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18.

Hon.(Dr.) Harsha De Silva

Hon. Ajith P. Perera

Hon. Niroshan Perera,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on the statement made by the Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of International Monetary Co-operation in Parliament with regard to the investments made by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in Greek Bonds,—

Whereas around 2010 several Euro zone economies fell into crises as a result of the global financial crisis compounded by irresponsible domestic economic management;

And whereas Greece was one of the worst affected countries with its growth rate falling well below estimates, fiscal imbalances building up with expenditure outstripping tax revenues by a large margin, debt beginning to spiral out of control and the credibility of official statistics falling to almost zero particularly upon the revelation that the Greek government had consistently mislead the European Union with fictitious budget deficit figures;

And whereas by the first quarter of 2010 the ability of the Greek government to meet its debt obligations had come into serious question driving fears of a possible sovereign default;

And whereas rating agencies began downgrading Greek debt to 'junk' status and with its private credit to Greece virtually dried up;

And whereas in April 2010 the Greek government requested and obtained a EURO 110 billion bail-out package jointly funded by the Euro zone countries and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) conditional upon implementing a tough austerity package with the hope of putting a stop to the deteriorating economy;

And whereas the Greek government was unable to carry through the tough fiscal conditions, given no flexibility on the monetary side, the measures implemented were sufficient to push people to the streets to riot;

And whereas the Greek economy continued to falter and the confidence in Greek debt fell dramatically leading to heightened expectations of sovereign default;

And whereas in March 2011 Moody's further downgraded Greek debt deep into 'junk' territory with a speculative and high risk rating along with a negative outlook;

And whereas with this development, investors quickly began dismissing Greek bonds as 'worthless paper' and its yields began to rise with imminent default as the Euro zone IMF bail-out was stuck with the Greek government unable to implement the austerity package to meet disbursement conditions;

And whereas in this background the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in early April 2011 had purportedly invested EURO 22 million on Greek bonds at the risk of great loss;

And whereas on July 17th, 2012 this was raised in Parliament after the press revealed that there had been a large loss to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka due to selling some of its Greek bonds at a loss;

And whereas the Minister of International Monetary Co-operation was asked if it was true and if so the details of the investments and an explanation as to why such an investment was made, and in particular, without the consent of the Monetary Board;

And whereas the Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of International Monetary Co-operation, replying to the question stated that in fact the Central Bank had invested in Greek bonds in early April;

And whereas in justifying the investments the Hon. Minister stated that *"The decision (to invest in Greek bonds) was influenced by the fact that at that time (April 5th, 2011) there was a robust framework in place for crisis management in Europe supported by a Financial Stability Package."*;

And whereas the Hon. Minister further stated that *"So, there was this big fund that the global monetary authorities created to save Greece at that point of time. Therefore, the risk was considered to be reasonably low and tolerable in the circumstances..."*;

And whereas it is noted that the above statement by the Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of International Monetary Co-operation, is incorrect;

And whereas the risk in Greek bonds was reasonably high and default was imminent;

And whereas at the time of the said investments in Greek bonds the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF) had no arrangement with that country;

And whereas even if Greece were to have obtained a bail-out from the EFSF that would not have been to the benefit of Sri Lanka as the temporary EFSF that was being converted in to the permanent European Satiability Mechanism (ESM) with 'preferred creditor' status second only to the International Monetary Fund (IMF);

And whereas 'preferred creditor' status meant that at payment in order of preference investment made by the ESM would have preference over all other parties except the IMF;

And whereas the investments by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka were in serious peril of being defaulted;

And whereas the Hon. Minister mislead the House by implying that the funds invested by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka were safe when in fact they were in great danger;

And whereas soon after the reckless investment by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in Greek bonds, the Greek government faltered again and its debt rating was downgraded to the lowest in the world;

And whereas by October 2011 Greece went into a controlled default with creditors agreeing to a more than 50 percent write off on their debt;

And whereas the Central Bank of Sri Lanka also had 53.5 percent of the principal of its remaining (after selling at a deep discount) Greek bonds wiped out at a great loss to the country;

And whereas the Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of International Monetary Co-operation, in his statement on July 17th, 2012 by not disclosing the truth and justifying the investment where the *"risk was considered to be reasonably low and tolerable"* purportedly due to *"a big fund that the global monetary authorities created to save Greece at that point of time "* has deliberately misled the House.

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

- (a) determine whether and to what extent the Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of International Monetary Co-operation has misled this House with regard to the investments of EURO 22 million on Greek bonds by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka; and
- (b) recommend to this House what action should be taken in the circumstances.

2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker; and
(b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person ;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee ; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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19.

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe

Hon. (Mrs) Vijayakala Maheswaran,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on the prison riot which took place on November 9th, 2012,—

Whereas a prison riot of enormous magnitude took place on the night of November 9th, 2012 and continued till early hours of November 10th, 2012 and has resulted in nearly 30 deaths and equal number of injured including the Deputy Inspector General of Police, Commandant of the Special Task Force;

And whereas this is not the first time that such occurrences have happened within prisons;

And whereas it appears that these incidents happened because of corruption in the system;

This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire and report on—

- (a) what was the immediate cause of this riot;
 - (b) what sparks off prison riots so often;
 - (c) what are the long standing issues that effect prison discipline;
 - (d) what steps need to be taken in the short term and the long term to prevent such occurrences;
 - (e) any other matters that the Committee feels are relevant.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book, record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee ; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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20.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara

Hon. D. M. Swaminathan

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana

Hon. J. Sri Ranga

Hon. (Mrs) Vijayakala Maheswaran

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake

Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake

Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara Jayasinghe

Hon. Ajith P. Perera

Hon. Niroschan Perera

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene

Hon. R . Yogarajan,— Vote of No Confidence on the Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Minister of Power and Energy,—

Whereas Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Minister of Power and Energy in the course of her reply to the question raised by Hon John Amaratunga, Chief Opposition Whip on 23rd April, 2013 regarding the electricity tariff hikes, positively stated that the proposal to implement the recent power tariff hike had been made by her predecessor, Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka before she had assumed duties in her present post;

And whereas Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka presently the Minister of Technology, Research and Atomic Energy has specifically denied any responsibility to the increase in the electricity tariff, in a statement issued on 24th April, 2013;

And whereas in fact he has gone to the extent of challenging her to produce evidence to substantiate her statement;

And whereas it is obvious that the Minister of Power and Energy has deliberately mislead this House and in doing so, is guilty of a breach of privilege of the whole House and also its Members;

That this Parliament therefore resolves that it no longer has any confidence in the Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi to continue as the Minister of Power and Energy.

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21.

Hon. Ranil Wickremasinghe

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on the implications of proposed amendments to the Buddhist Temporalities Ordinance,—

Whereas the Legal Draftsman on the instructions of the Government has prepared a Bill (Presently bearing No. L.D.O. 20/2014) to amend the Buddhist Temporalities Ordinance;

And whereas comprehensive and far reaching amendments are being proposed to the present Buddhist Temporalities Ordinance;

And whereas no public discussion has taken place in respect of the provisions of these proposed amendments;

And whereas the Government is Constitutionally bound to safeguard and protect the Buddha Sasana which would include the property in the possession of the temples and the Sangha;

And whereas no consultations have taken place with the Buddhist clergy and especially the Mahanayakas of the several Nikayas who will be the most affected by these amendments.

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

- (a) the implications of the proposed amendments on temple properties and other temporalities in the custody of the Sangha;
 - (b) any amendments that the Committee feels are necessary to safeguard the temple properties;
 - (c) steps that are necessary to prevent alienation or appropriation of the temple properties now in the custody of the Sangha;
 - (d) a mechanism to ensure a process of consultation with the respective Mahanayakas before any action is taken in respect of the temple properties and other temporalities in the custody of the Sangha;
 - (e) any other matters that the Committee deems appropriate and necessary in the circumstances and which will have a bearing on the matters under consideration by the Committee.
2.
 - (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by the Speaker,
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
 3. The Select Committee shall consult and act on the advice of the Venerable Mahanayakas of the Nikayas.
 4. That the Committee shall have the power to:
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;

- (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
5. The Committee shall make its report within six months of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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22.

Hon. Nimal Siripala De Silva
Hon. D.M. Jayaratne
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. P. Dayaratna
Hon. A.L.M. Athaulla
Hon. A.H.M. Fowzie
Hon. Milroy Fernando
Hon. Jagath Balasuriya
Hon. Jeewan Kumaranatunga
Hon. Reginold Cooray
Hon. Tissa Karalliyadda
Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera
Hon. S.M. Chandrasena
Hon. A.P. Jagath Pushpakumara
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. Anura Priyadarshana Yapa
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. T.B. Ekanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. W.D.J. Senewiratne
Hon. S.B. Nawinne
Hon. Gamini Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Sajin De Vass Gunawardena

Hon. Tiran Alles
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. S.B. Dissanayake
Hon. DEW Gunasekara
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Lalith Dissanayake
Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Sarana Gunawardena
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. H.R. Mithrapala
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. C.A. Suriyaarachchi
Hon. A.D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. Neranjan Wickremasinghe
Hon. Janaka Bandara
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Piyasena Gamage
Hon. (Mrs.) Nirupama Rajapaksa
Hon. Felix Perera
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekara
Hon. Rohana Dissanayake
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Ms.) Kamala Ranathunga
Hon. Udith Lokubandara
Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga
Hon. Y.G. Padmasiri
Hon. Eric Prasanna Weerawardhana
Hon. C.P.D. Bandaranaike
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. V.K. Indika
Hon. S.C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. A. M. Chamika Buddhadasa
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Gitanjana Gunawardena

Hon. C.B. Rathnayake
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. W.B. Ekanayake
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Dayasritha Thissera
Hon. R. Duminda Silva
Hon. (Prof.) G.L. Peiris
Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. Athauda Seneviratne
Hon. Sarath Kumara Gunaratne
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Jayarathne Herath
Hon. Victor Antony
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. (Dr.) Rohana Pushpa Kumara
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. P. Piyasena
Hon. (Prof.) Tissa Vitarana
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. A.R.M. Abdul Cader
Hon. Vinayagamoorthi Muralidaran
Hon. M.L.A.M. Hizbullah
Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
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Hon. Sane Rohana Kodithuvakku,— Vote of No Confidence on the Hon. John Amaratunga, the Minister of Public Order, Disaster Management and Christian Affairs,—

- (a) Whereas the Hon. John Amaratunga, the present Minister of Public Order, Disaster Management and Christian Affairs, who is vested in the responsibility of protecting law and order, enforcing law on all citizens in an equitable manner, enforcing law irrespective of political party affiliations and positions held by people by properly directing the Police and the Criminal Investigation Department without bias and the responsibility of taking steps against such officers who do not enforce law in the above manner has failed to fulfill that responsibility entrusted to him since the day he assumed duties on his post up to date;
- (b) And whereas it is obvious that he has acted in a biased manner by neglecting to direct the law enforcement authorities including Police to investigate the incidents of loss of lives, physical injuries and damages to property caused by the violence unleashed by the rival political party supporters and regional leaders on the members and activists of the United People's Freedom Alliance led by the Sri Lanka Freedom Party and innocent trade union leaders and activists in a number of electorates in Sri Lanka and bring the accused before justice;
- (c) And whereas it is apparent that a grave incident of the Hon. John Amaratunga having gone to the place of the monthly meeting of the Wattala Pradesheeya Sabha on 30th January 2015 and making provoking speeches by summoning the members of the United National Party in the guise of holding a reception meeting followed by a group of thugs stormed the meeting and assaulting the Chairman and the members of the United People's Freedom Alliance resulting in them being hospitalized while high ranking Police Officers silently looking on took place in the Wattala electorate, the political leadership to which is provided by the Hon. John Amaratunga, with the indirect support and assistance of the Hon. John Amaratunga and that the Police have failed to arrest the thugs involved in the illegal activities and act in accordance with the law and that it is reported that some suspects who were arrested and produced before the court were released on bail on the same day and it is apparent that the releasing of the suspects who were involved in such grave criminal activities promptly on bail took place on political influence;
- (d) And whereas when it was alleged that the Police did not act in the proper manner when the person known as Manoj who resided at the Great Western Galkanda in the Thalawakele Police area jumped to a reservoir and died owing to him being unduly chased by the Police, the Hon. John Amaratunga as the head of the Ministry without arranging for an independent inquiry to be conducted when the police acted with the intention of avenging the innocent plantation workers, is in the process of arresting the innocent plantation workers who engaged in a demonstration in protest of this incident, pushing them towards more suppression;
- (e) And whereas it is evident that the Police failed to take action against individuals who engineered the forceful removal of Judges from their seats in the Courts and that a number of such incidents have been reported from different parts of the country is a clear demonstration of the lukewarm attitude of the Police coming under the purview of this Minister in regard to this incident and whereas in many parts of the country rule of law collapsed and law of the jungle has taken its place and that there are reports to the effect that some police stations have even gone to the extent of not accepting the complaints made by people against harassment from police;

Since it is obvious that Hon. John Amaratunga, the Minister of Public Order, Disaster Management and Christian Affairs has acted partially and failed to give necessary directives and provide leadership to make arrangements to protect law and order and failed to enforce law in the proper manner against the incidents of harassment on opposition political activists, this Parliament resolves that it has no confidence on Hon. John Amaratunga, Minister of Public Order, Disaster Management and Christian Affairs, in his ability as functioning as the Minister of Public Order, Disaster Management and Christian Affairs.

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Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. A. M. Chamika Buddhadasa
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
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Hon. Gitanjana Gunawardena
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage
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Hon. Dayasritha Thissera
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. A.P. Jagath Pushpakumara
Hon. Athauda Seneviratne
Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera
Hon. Nirmala Kotalawala
Hon. Sanath Jayasuriya
Hon. Sarana Gunawardena
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. Mohan Lal Grero
Hon. (Mrs.) Upeksha Swarnamali
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Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena
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Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. A.R.M. Abdul Cader
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. Reginold Cooray

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Hon. Gunaratne Weerakoon
Hon. Victor Antony
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga
Hon. Neranjan Wickremasinghe
Hon. (Ven.) Ellawala Medhananda Thero
Hon. Jagath Balasuriya
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha

Hon. Vinayagamoorthi Muralidaran,— Arbitrary and Malicious conduct of Mrs. Dilrukshi Dias Wickramasinghe, Director-General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that Mrs. Dilrukshi Dias Wickramasinghe, Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, has contravened the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994 by issuing notice to the former President Mahinda Rajapaksa to appear before the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption based on the following matters:—

1. Whereas the Director General, who has awareness of the powers of the President, has knowingly and deliberately contravened Section 4 (2) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act by initiating an investigation pertaining to appointment of Ministers by the former President Mahinda Rajapaksa, while holding the Office of President;
2. And whereas the Director General, who has awareness of the powers of the President, has contravened Article 35 (1) of the Constitution by disregarding the provision that no action shall be instituted or maintained at any court or tribunal against the person who has held or is holding the Office of President for any commission or omission deemed to be of personal or official nature on his part while holding such Office,
3. And whereas the Constitution has been violated by acting in contravention of Article 44(1) of the Constitution, which clearly specifies that the President shall determine the subjects and functions of Ministers and appoint Ministers,
4. And whereas the Constitution and the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery and Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994 have been violated by maliciously calling the former President Mahinda Rajapaksa before the Bribery or Corruption Commission for an investigation by making an intimation to the former President by the Director General of the Commission on or without an order from the Commission to appear before the Commission alleging that appointing a Minister by acting on such power is an act of bribery or corruption.

5. And whereas the Section 8(1) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act No. 19 of 1994 has been violated by issuing an order to the former President Mahinda Rajapaksa under the signature of the Director General of the Bribery and Corruption Commission in contravention of the order under Section 8(1) of the Commission to investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act No. 19 of 1994 which specifies that “every summon issued by the Commission should carry the signature of the Chairman of the Commission.”;
6. And whereas the statement made by the Prime Minister in Parliament on 20/04/2015, which read “**a few people had applied for this post. I gave the list of names to the Minister of Justice and asked him to appoint a suitable person**”, confirms the fact that this Director General has been appointed in contravention of the Section which says to that a Director General for the prevention bribery and corruption, to assist the Commission in carrying out the functions assigned to the Commission by Section 16(1) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery and Corruption Act No. 19 of 1994 can be appointed by the President in consultation with the Members of the Commission;
7. And whereas the statement made by the Prime Minister in Parliament, “ It was stated that the incumbent Director General was a friend of my wife. But I am the one who came to know Mr. Deepal Wickremesinghe and this lady. Therefore, don’t involve my wife in this.” confirms that she is a close associate of the Prime Minister;
8. And whereas the salary of the Director General shall be determined by the Parliament under subsection 16(2)(1) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act No. 19 of 1994 and shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund and shall not be diminished during his/her period of service with the Commission and since this august assembly is of the opinion that the Director General shall discharge her services impartially, independently and with integrity and whereas the salary granted to her from the Parliament is an abuse of public funds due to distrust towards her and due to her political connections and malicious conduct;
9. And whereas she has breached the duty of preserving the confidentiality as set out in Section 17 of the said Act by giving wide publicity to the issuance of a summon to the former President Mahinda Rajapaksa through all national newspapers on the 20th instant of April 2015 including the ‘Maubima’, the ‘Lankadeepa’, the ‘Divaina’, the Daily Mirror and through websites, social media, radio channels and television channels on the same day purportedly quoting sources of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption despite signing a declaration by every member of the Commission, the Director General and every officer or servant, appointed to assist the Commission, before assuming the duties of his office that he will not disclose any information received by him, or coming to his knowledge in the exercise and the discharge of his powers and functions under this Act, except for the purposes of giving effect to the provisions of this Act under Section 17 of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act No. 19 of 1994;

10. And whereas the Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption becomes liable to criminal prosecution by breach of confidentiality knowing that such violation is an offence under Section 22 of Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act No.19 of 1994;
11. And whereas there is an allegation against her regarding the acquisition of a 25 acre land belonging to the Knuckles Reserve in Matale that has been named a World Heritage, using the powers of her Office while serving at the Department of the Attorney General and that Laggala Police had initiated legal proceedings against the development of that land;
12. And whereas she has misused the funds of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption by purchasing a mobile phone with a market value of Rs. 65,000/= for an amount exceeding Rs. 125,000/= while serving as the Director General;

That this Parliament has lost confidence in the Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption who is an officer whose salary is determined by Parliament, as a result of her blatant violation of the Constitution and the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No.19 of 1994 and taking politically motivated action being a political appointee and this Parliament is of the opinion that the service of this officer be terminated and she be dismissed from the Office of the Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption.

* *Indicates Government Business*
