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**ORDER BOOK
OF
PARLIAMENT**

From Monday, January 09, 2017 inclusive

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Monday, January 09, 2017

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Finance,—Regulation under the Value Added Tax Act,—That the Regulation made by the Minister of Finance under Section 5(15) of the Value Added Tax Act, No.14 of 2002, as last amended by the Act, No. 20 of 2016, relating to excluding the cost of any healthcare service from VAT, other than the fees paid to medical practitioners, medical consultation fees, channelling fees and hospital room charges, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1991/17 of 01st November 2016, which was presented on 08.12.2016 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with Subsection 3 of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by the Act, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987, published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1992/74 of 11th November 2016, which were presented on 08.12.2016 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Order under the Diplomatic Privileges Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs under Section 4 of the Diplomatic Privileges Act, No. 9 of 1996 and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1987/23 of 05th October 2016, which was presented on 19.11.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

Divineguma (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Land (Restrictions on Alienation) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Medical (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Engineering Council, Sri Lanka Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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*10.

Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Resolution under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the revision of Salary for the Chief Justice, Puisne Judges and President and Judges of the Court of Appeal,— The monthly salaries of the Chief Justice, Puisne Judges, President and Judges of the Court of Appeal have to be determined by the Parliament as per the Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as amended by the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution.

Accordingly, it has been proposed that salaries of the Chief Justice, Puisne Judges, President and Judges of the Court of Appeal be revised to be implemented in 05 phases during the period from 01.01.2016 to 01.01.2020.

Relevant salary scales for each posts are as follows (Schedule I)

Group of Service	Salary Code	Salary Scale (Rs.)
Chief Justice	JS 5 - 2016	145,000-5x7,250-181,250
Puisne Judges / President of the Court of Appeal	JS 4 - 2016	135,000-5x6,750-168,750
Judges of the Court of Appeal	JS 3 - 2016	131,500-5x6,575-164,375

Conversion tables relevant to the new salary scales to be implemented under each phase and guidelines for the implementation of salary scales are attached as Schedule II and schedule III respectively and it is resolved by this Parliament under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that salaries for the Chief Justice, Puisne Judges, President and the Judges of the Court of Appeal as determined by this resolution shall be implemented.

(Cabinet approval signified)

Schedule I

Salary structure for the Chief Justice, Puisne Judges and President and Judges of the Court of Appeal under Article 108(1) of the Constitution – 2016

	Service Category	Salary Code	Initial Step	Years	1st Slab	Maximum
1	Judges of the Court of Appeal	JS 3-2016	131,500	5	6,575	164,375
2	Puisne Judges/President Court of Appeal	JS 4-2016	135,000	5	6,750	168,750
3	Chief Justice	JS 5-2016	145,000	5	7,250	181,250

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Salary Scales

Information mentioned in each column of salary scales are as follows:—

- Column 1 - Number of Years
Column 2 - Service Period
Column 3 - Grade
Column 4 - Salary Steps on appointment and with Promotion

Service Category			Judges of the Court of Appeal	Puisne Judges/ President CA	Chief Justice
Salary Code			JS 3-2016	JS 4-2016	JS 5-2016
1	2	3	4	4	4
			6,575	6,750	7,250
			5	5	5
1			131,500	135,000	145,000
2			138,075	141,750	152,250
3			144,650	148,500	159,500
4			151,225	155,250	166,750
5			157,800	162,000	174,000
6			164,375	168,750	181,250

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Salary Conversion Tables

Salary step	As at 2015.12.31		As at 2016.01.01		As at 2017.01.01		As at 2018.01.01		As at 2019.01.01		As at 2020.01.01	
	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Gross salary (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Adjustment Allowance (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Adjustment Allowance (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Adjustment Allowance (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Adjustment Allowance (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Adjustment Allowance (Rs.)
1	63,500	85,525	77,100	8,425	90,700	-	104,300	-	117,900	-	131,500	-
2	66,675	89,176	80,955	8,221	95,235	-	109,515	-	123,795	-	138,075	-
3	69,850	92,828	84,810	8,018	99,770	-	114,730	-	129,690	-	144,650	-
4	73,025	96,479	88,665	7,814	104,305	-	119,945	-	135,585	-	151,225	-
5	76,200	100,130	92,520	7,610	108,840	-	125,160	-	141,480	-	157,800	-
6	79,375	103,781	96,375	7,406	113,375	-	130,375	-	147,375	-	164,375	-

Schedule II

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Salary Step	As at 2015.12.31		As at 2016.01.01		As at 2017.01.01		As at 2018.01.01		As at 2019.01.01		As at 2020.01.01	
	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Gross Salary (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Ad-justme nt Allow-ance (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Ad-justme nt Allow-ance (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Ad-justme nt Allow-ance (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Ad-justme nt Allow-ance (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Ad-justme nt Allow-ance (Rs.)
1	65,000	87,250	79,000	8,250	93,000	-	107,000	-	121,000	-	135,000	-
2	68,250	90,988	82,950	8,038	97,650	-	112,350	-	127,050	-	141,750	-
3	71,500	94,725	86,900	7,825	102,300	-	117,700	-	133,100	-	148,500	-
4	74,750	98,463	90,850	7,613	106,950	-	123,050	-	139,150	-	155,250	-
5	78,000	102,200	94,800	7,400	111,600	-	128,400	-	145,200	-	162,000	-
6	81,250	105,938	98,750	7,188	116,250	-	133,750	-	151,250	-	168,750	-

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Salary Step	As at 2015.12.31		As at 2016.01.01		As at 2017.01.01		As at 2018.01.01		As at 2019.01.01		As at 2020.01.01	
	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Gross Salary (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Adjustment Allowance (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Adjustment Allowance (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Adjustment Allowance (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Adjustment Allowance (Rs.)	Basic Salary (Rs.)	Adjustment Allowance (Rs.)
1	70,000	93,000	85,000	8,000	100,000	-	115,000	-	130,000	-	145,000	-
2	73,500	97,025	89,250	7,775	105,000	-	120,750	-	136,500	-	152,250	-
3	77,000	101,050	93,500	7,550	110,000	-	126,500	-	143,000	-	159,500	-
4	80,500	105,075	97,750	7,325	115,000	-	132,250	-	149,500	-	166,750	-
5	84,000	109,100	102,000	7,100	120,000	-	138,000	-	156,000	-	174,000	-
6	87,500	113,125	106,250	6,875	125,000	-	143,750	-	162,500	-	181,250	-

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Annex. I

Specimen letter of Salary Conversion

My No.

Date:

Name:

Designation:

Conversion of Salary in terms of Management Services Circular.....
as at 01.01.2016

Your salary is converted as follows in terms of the above circular as at 01.01.2016.

1. Classification in terms of Public Administration Circular 6/2006 as at 31.12.2015

- (a) Service Category :
- (b) Salary Code :
- (c) Salary Scale :
- (d) Salary Step :
- (e) Salary Point : Rs.
- (f) Date of last Salary Increment earned:

2. As at 01.01.2016 in terms of classification of Management Services Circular.....in terms of schedule I:

- (a) Service Category :
- (b) Salary Code :
- (c) Salary Scale :
- (d) Salary Step :
- (e) Salary Point : Rs.

3. Salary payable as at 01.01.2016 in terms of Schedule II:

- (a) Basic Salary : Rs.
- (b) Adjustment allowance : Rs.

4. This conversion is subject to the recovery of any over payment due to the incorrect classification or error in calculation or any other error.

Prepared: Signature..... Checked : Signature:.....
Name:..... Name:.....
Designation:..... Designation:.....
Date:..... Date:.....

Approved:

Signature:.....
Name:.....
Designation:.....
Date:.....
Official Stamp:.....

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Annex. II

Specimen letter of Salary Conversion

My No.

Date:

Name:

Designation:

Conversion of Salary in terms of Management Services Circular.....
as at 01.01.2017

Your salary is converted as follows in terms of the above circular as at 01.01.2017.

1. Classification in terms of Management Services Circular as at 31.12.2016

- (a) Service Category :
- (b) Salary Code :
- (c) Salary Scale :
- (d) Corresponding salary
in terms of Schedule I :
- (e) Salary step in terms of Schedule II :
- (f) Salary point in terms of Schedule II : Rs.
- (g) Date of last Salary Increment earned:

2. Salary payable as at 01.01.2017 in terms of Schedule II : Rs.

3. This conversion is subject to the recovery of any over payment due to the incorrect classification or error in calculation or any other error.

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Approved:

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Designation:.....
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Specimen letter of Salary Conversion

My No.

Date:

Name:

Designation:

Conversion of Salary in terms of Management Services Circular.....
as at 01.01.2018

Your salary is converted as follows in terms of the above circular as at 01.01.2018.

1. Classification in terms of Management Services Circular as at 31.12.2017

- (a) Service Category :
- (b) Salary Code :
- (c) Salary Scale :
- (d) Corresponding salary
in terms of Schedule I :
- (e) Salary step in terms of Schedule II :
- (f) Salary point in terms of Schedule II : Rs.
- (g) Date of last Salary Increment earned:

2. Salary payable as at 01.01.2018 in terms of Schedule II : Rs.

3. This conversion is subject to the recovery of any over payment due to the incorrect classification or error in calculation or any other error.

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Specimen letter of Salary Conversion

My No.

Date:

Name:

Designation:

Conversion of Salary in terms of Management Services Circular.....
as at 01.01.2019

Your salary is converted as follows in terms of the above circular as at 01.01.2019.

1. Classification in terms of Management Services Circular as at 31.12.2018

- (a) Service Category :
- (b) Salary Code :
- (c) Salary Scale :
- (d) Corresponding salary
in terms of Schedule I :
- (e) Salary step in terms of Schedule II :
- (f) Salary point in terms of Schedule II : Rs.
- (g) Date of last Salary Increment earned:

2. Salary payable as at 01.01.2019 in terms of Schedule II : Rs.

3. This conversion is subject to the recovery of any over payment due to the incorrect classification or error in calculation or any other error.

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Approved:

Signature:.....
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Specimen letter of Salary Conversion

My No.

Date:

Name:

Designation:

Conversion of Salary in terms of Management Services Circular.....
as at 01.01.2020

Your salary is converted as follows in terms of the above circular as at 01.01.2020.

1. Classification in terms of Management Services Circular as at 31.12.2019

- (a) Service Category :
- (b) Salary Code :
- (c) Salary Scale :
- (d) Corresponding salary
in terms of Schedule I :
- (e) Salary step in terms of Schedule II :
- (f) Salary point in terms of Schedule II : Rs.
- (g) Date of last Salary Increment earned:

2. Salary payable as at 01.01.2020 in terms of Schedule II : Rs.

3. This conversion is subject to the recovery of any over payment due to the incorrect classification or error in calculation or any other error.

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Schedule III

Salary Structure for the Chief Justice, Puisne Judges and President and Judges of the Court of Appeal under Article 108(1) of the Constitution - 2016

The Government has decided to make effective in 5 stages commencing 01.01.2016 the new salary scales given in schedule - I of this Circular as indicated in schedule -II in place of the salary scales now operative in respect of the Chief Justice, Puisne Judges, the President and the Judges of the Court of Appeal under the provisions of the Public Administration Circular 06/2006 dated 25.04.2006 as amended by the PA Circulars subsequently issued.

02. The below-mentioned allowances are incorporated in the new salary structure.

- (i) The special non-pensionable allowance paid in terms of the PA Circular Nos.31/2011 dated 12.12.2011 and 18/2012 dated 31.12.2012.
- (ii) The interim allowance of Rs.10,000/- paid monthly in terms of the PA Circular Nos. 24/2014 dated 12.11.2014, 24/2014(1) dated 31.12.2014 and 05/2015 dated 11.02.2015.

03. Conversion of Salary

- 03.1 The conversion of salary from the existing salary scales to the new salary scales should be effected on step by step basis. However, the conversion of salaries shall be made in accordance with the conversion tables given in schedule – II since this revision of salaries is to be made in 5 stages.
- 03.2 Conversion tables are given in schedule II separately for each salary scale mentioned in schedule - I in order to facilitate the conversion of salary.
- 03.3 In the conversion of salaries, the salary code under the salary structure operative as at 31.12.2015 shall firstly be identified. Accordingly, the corresponding salary code indicated in schedule - I of this Circular and the conversion table

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applicable as mentioned in schedule -II should be selected. The new salary codes applicable under this Circular corresponding to the salary codes mentioned in the PA Circular 06/2006 are as follows:

Salary Code as per PA Circular 06/2006	New Salary Code
SF 4-2006	JS 5- 2016
SF 2-2006	JS 4-2016
SF 1-2006	JS 3-2016

- 03.4 Placement on the salary point applicable should be made in accordance with the prescribed conversion table based on the due salary step as at 01.01.2016 corresponding to the salary step applicable as at 31.12.2015. For this purpose the salary conversion format marked Annex 1 of the Circular should be utilized.
- 03.5 The salary conversion falling due on 01.01.2017, 01.01.2018, 01.01.2019 and 01.01.2020 shall also be affected by adoption of the same methodology that was followed at 03.4 above. For this purpose the salary points indicated under each year in the schedule - II should be made applicable. In the conversion of salaries, salary conversion formats marked Annex II, III, IV and V for each year shall be utilized.

04. Calculation of the increment of salary

- 04.1 Calculation of the number of increments falling due within the salary scale.

When an increment is earned during the period 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2016 placement should be made on the salary point immediately above the salary point on which placement was made at 03.4 above. Accordingly, the difference between the two salary points should be treated as the value of the increment falling due for the year 2016.

- 04.2 Granting increments beyond the maximum of the salary scale.

- (a) In order to determine the salary point applicable from 01.01.2016 when the maximum of a salary scale is reached, the salary steps should be calculated treating as the increment of salary, the difference between the two applicable salary points given at the end of the salary scale as indicated in the appropriate column of the relevant salary conversion table in the schedule- II.
- (b) Even when increments are earned beyond the maximum of a salary scale after 01.01.2016, the salary step should be calculated as indicated at (a) above.

05. Adjustment allowance of the gross salary

- 05.1 In addition to the basic salary, the difference between the gross salaries together with allowances mentioned in paragraph 02 above received as in 31.12.2015 and the basic salary applicable to each year as mentioned in schedule- II of this Circular were computed as an adjustment allowance and incorporated in the salary. Accordingly, in addition to the basic salary prescribed for each year, the corresponding adjustment allowance should also be paid. This adjustment allowance shall not be considered part and parcel of the salary for any purpose other than those specified at 16 below.
- 05.2 Whenever salary step is calculated beyond the maximum of the salary scale as at 04.2 above, the adjustment allowance of the gross salary applicable to the said salary step shall also be paid. For this purpose the gross salary which is comprised only of the salary point received as at 31.12.2015 under the PA Circular No.06/2006 as amended by Circulars subsequently issued and the allowances entitled under the Circulars mentioned in paragraph 02 of this circular should be firstly calculated. In the event there is a monetary loss between the said salary and the salary point calculated under 04.2 above, the said monetary value should be paid together with the salary point as an adjustment allowance of the gross salary.

06. Conversion of Salary on promotion to a higher post

On promotion to a higher post during the period from 01.01.2016 to 01.01.2020 when salary conversion is made on this phase basis scheme, the salary points indicated in the Column relevant to the year of promotion as given in schedule - II should be made applicable in the salary conversion related to such promotions.

07. Any other allowances

- 07.1 As the new salary structure has been formulated incorporating allowances granted by the PA Circulars referred to in paragraph 02 of this Circular, the payment of such allowances shall be discontinued effective from 01.01.2016.
- 07.2 The payment of the cost of living allowance of the Rs.7,800/- per month being paid in terms of the PA Circular No.37/2013 dated 31.12.2013 should be further continued.

08. Pensions

- 08.1 In the calculation of pensions in respect of those officers who have retired after 01.01.2016 on the salary structure given in this Circular, the salary step last received as indicated in schedule- II should be made applicable.

- 08.2 With the total implementation of salary scales given in schedule – I effective from 01.01.2020, the pensions of those public officers who were in service on 01.01.2016 and have subsequently retired will also be revised accordingly and instructions in this regard will be issued in due course. No revisions of pensions shall be effected during the period from 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2019.
- 08.3 The interim allowance of Rs. 3,500/- per month being provided in terms of the PA Circular No.05/2015 dated 11.02.2015 shall not be paid to those who have retired from service after 01.01.2016 under the provisions of this Circular. The cost of living allowances of Rs. 3,525/- per-month being provided to pensioners in terms of the PA Circular No.37/2013 dated 31.12. 2013 should, however, be paid.

09. Allowances paid as a percentage of the salary

Allowances paid as a percentage of the salary shall be limited to the monetary value that prevailed as at 31.12.2015. Whenever appointment is made to a post that comes within the ambit of this Circular after 01.01.2016, the computation of this allowance should be based on the salary attached to the said post as at 31.12.2015.

10. Indication of the salary scale in the letters of appointment issued

The salary scale mentioned in schedule- I, shall be made applicable in indicating the salary scale in the letters of appointment issued on recruitment/promotions made during the period up to 01.01.2020 when the salary structure specified in this Circular will be fully implemented. As payments will have to be made as stated in schedule -II, this fact should also be indicated in the letters of appointment issued.

11. Categorization of posts/services.

The Judicial officers are on par with the senior level and treated as staff officers in terms of the categorization of posts in schedule - III of the PA Circular No. 03/2016 dated 25.02.2016.

12. Contributions to W.&.O.P.

The percentage of deduction of contributions to the W & O P shall continue to be operative 7% unaltered and the initial salary given under each year in schedule II should be made applicable in this regard.

13. Date of increment

There will be no change in the date of increment following this salary revision.

14. Payment of increments beyond the maximum of the salary scale

The officers who have reached the maximum of a salary scale may be granted further increments of salary until the date of their retirement or until they are appointed/promoted to another post to which another salary scale is applicable.

15. Combined Allowance

The combined allowance will be Rs. 500/-.

16. Limit of the aggregate of monthly deductions in granting loans / advances

The relevant basic salary as at the date as indicated in schedule –II and the adjustment allowance should also be made applicable in the computation of the 40% limit which is to be taken into consideration in granting loans/advances.

17. General Instructions

In determining the salary an officer is entitled to as at 01.01.2016 in terms of this Circular, the relevant authorities should confirm that the salary adjustments and the relevant salary conversions have been correctly effected, as per salary revisions made on 01.01.2006 or thereafter.

18. Overpayments

If an overpayment has been made to any officer due to a misinterpretation of these instructions or through a clerical error or errors in computation or any other errors, the officer concerned is liable to refund the amount so overpaid.

19. Clarifications and further Instructions

If clarifications with regard to the provisions of this Circular and further instructions are sought, such requests shall be addressed to the Secretary to the Treasury, General Treasury, Ministry of Finance, Colombo 01.

*11.

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

*12.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— 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. 1 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 23.09.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

13.

Institute of Personnel Management, Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

14.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

15.

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

16.

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

17.

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

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Tuesday, January 24, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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1.

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

(a) Is he aware that,—

(i) fees charged for the safe deposit box service provided by the state and private banks have been increased; and

(ii) the customers have been inconvenienced as a result?

- (b) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) of the reasons for increasing the fees charged for the safe deposit boxes;
 - (ii) whether additional privileges will be provided to the customers;
 - (iii) if so, what those privileges are; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to reduce the fees charged for this service?
- (c) If not, why?

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2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of faculties functioning in the University of Moratuwa at present;
 - (ii) of the number of departments functioning there ;
 - (iii) the permanent academic staff that should be there in each department and faculty , separately ;
 - (iv) whether there are vacancies in the permanent academic staff; and
 - (v) if so, the number of vacancies prevalent in each faculty and department , separately ?
- (b) If not , why ?

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3.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the degree courses that have been introduced by now for the students who enter the universities having studied G.C.E. (A/L) in technology stream;
 - (ii) the number of Faculties of Technology opened in universities; what they are;
 - (iii) the difference between the Higher Diploma Certificate relevant to Technology currently awarded by the Government Technical Colleges and the Degree Certificate awarded by the Faculties of Technology of the said universities; and
 - (iv) the ranks of jobs for which the Technology degree is considered as a basic qualification?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether special courses of high standard have been designed by the universities for these Technology graduates;
 - (ii) if so, what those courses are; and
 - (iii) of the steps taken by the government to secure the future of Technology graduates?
- (c) If not, why?

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4.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the decisions taken at the Paris Climate Change Conference held in the year 2015;
- (ii) whether the Republic of Sri Lanka has acceded to those decisions; and
- (iii) if so, of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry of Power and Renewable Energy to implement those decisions?

(b) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a musical concert by the name of “Wayu” was scheduled to be held on 24th September 2016, to raise funds for the Army hospital;
- (ii) buying two tickets for the concert at the cost of Rs.7,500/= each had been made compulsory to the officers employed at the Army Hospital bearing the rank of Major and above, while buying one ticket at the cost of Rs.7,500/= had been made compulsory to the officers in the other ranks; and
- (iii) the officers have faced inconvenience due to the inability to pay such a large sum of money?

(b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to refund the money thus forcefully obtained from the particular officers?

(c) If not, why?

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6.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately on the basis of source, of the number of applications that have been received to date by Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority for obtaining approval for the construction of private power plants in the Ratnapura District;

- (ii) of the number of power plants functioning at present;
 - (iii) of the names of the projects that are not in operation although licences have been obtained for them; and
 - (iv) of the reasons for the situation mentioned in (iii) above?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority conducts environmental follow-up programmes regularly;
 - (ii) if not, of the times at which such environmental follow-up programmes are conducted; and
 - (iii) whether a copy of the Initial Environment Impact Assessment Study Report that has been issued for the proposed “Thala Kadurugal Dola” small-scale hydropower project will be presented to this House?
- (c) If not, why?

1010/’16

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the acquisitions of lands for the Expressway proposed to be constructed up to Hambantota have been finalised;
 - (ii) whether the compensations for the aforesaid lands have been valued; and
 - (iii) if so, of the amounts of compensation separately?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately of the number of unauthorized settlers, license holders and freehold deed holders who claim as the owners of the lands mentioned in (a)(i) above,
 - (ii) their names and addresses separately as per Divisional Secretary’s Divisions and Grama Niladhari Divisions;
 - (iii) number, names and addresses of the people who have been compensated so far out of those mentioned in (ii) above;
 - (iv) number, names and addresses of the people who have not been compensated so far out of those mentioned in (ii) above; and
 - (v) whether arrangements will be made to compensate the individuals mentioned in (iv) above?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether a plot of land will be provided to the unauthorized settlers who are evacuated;

(21)

- (ii) whether a sufficient compensation will be provided for them to construct a house; and
- (iii) if so, of the period of time that will be taken for this purpose?
- (d) If not, why?

1023/16

8.

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Kidney Patient Aid Programme which is in operation for the persons who suffer from kidney disease, which has become a social menace by now, is available in Gampaha district;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been allocated for it, for this year;
 - (iii) the number of patients to whom compensation has been provided by now; and
 - (iv) the number of patients for whom plans have been made to provide compensation in future?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) if the programme mentioned in (a) (i) above is not in operation in Gampaha District at present, whether steps will be taken to implement it in Gampaha district in future;
 - (ii) if not, the reasons for it;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to provide wide publicity for this programme through the Department of Social Services and educate people about this programme further as people in the relevant areas are not aware of this programme; and
 - (iv) if so, the manner in which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

1025/16

9.

Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of lands set aside as grazing lands for livestock in Mulativu, Vavuniya and Mannar Districts;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the Wild Life Protection Division has been refusing to permit the release of the lands which have been declared as grazing lands for livestock in Mulativu area; and

(22)

- (iii) whether he will take steps to get the lands set aside as grazing lands released from the Wild Life Protection Division and make them available for the use of those engaged in livestock farming as a solution for the issues faces by them?

(b) If not, why?

695/'16

10.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of,—

- (i) the annual requirement of Weniwel for Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the quantity produced locally as a percentage of that; and
- (iii) the quantity imported?

(b) Will he also inform this House,—

- (i) whether action will be taken to cultivate the Weniwel requirement of the country; and
- (ii) if so, of the arrangement in place for that?

(c) If not, why?

957/'16

11.

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

(a) Will he inform this House,-

- (i) of the number of faculties currently functioning at University of Sri Jayawardenepura at present;
- (ii) of the number of departments functioning there;
- (iii) of the required number of permanent academic staff for each faculty and department, separately;
- (iv) whether there are vacancies in the permanent academic staff; and
- (v) if so, the number of vacancies as per each faculty and department separately;

(b) If not, why?

984/'16

12.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of electricity consumers in Sri Lanka at present;
- (ii) the number of consumers who have been provided with electricity connections by Ceylon Electricity Board, out of the number of electricity consumers in Sri Lanka; and

(23)

- (iii) the number of consumers who have been provided with electricity connections by Lanka Electricity Company Private Limited?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the objectives expected to be achieved through the Smart Metres that would be introduced to Sri Lanka as per a statement recently made by the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy;
 - (ii) the number of Smart Metres that have been installed by now; and
 - (iii) the date by which installation of Smart Metres for all electricity consumers in Sri Lanka is expected to be completed, as per the proposal in (i) above?
- (c) If not, why?

995/'16

13.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) it was decided by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and/or the Monetary Board on 24th March 2016 that Mr. Lasantha Gunewardena is not suitable to hold the post of Chairman of the Lankaputhra Bank;
 - (ii) on 02nd September, 2016, Mr. Lasantha Gunewardena was informed by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka that it has been decided by the Attorney-General that he is not legally entitled to hold further the Chairmanship of the Lankaputhra Bank after 24th March 2016; and
 - (iii) the aforementioned person served in the post of Chairman of the Bank even subsequent to the issuance of the aforesaid determination;
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which Mr. Gunewardena resigned from the Chairmanship;
 - (ii) of the financial values of the salaries, allowances and other facilities obtained during his illegal tenure in the office of Chairman;
 - (iii) of the steps that have been taken to recover the aforesaid financial value from him;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to lodge a complaint at the Financial Crimes Investigation Division regarding the misuse of public funds committed by him; and
 - (v) whether he holds any position in the United National Party or has held such?
- (c) If not, why?

1013/16

14.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of the companies which handle container operations at Colombo harbour;
 - (ii) of the date on which the agreement between SAGT Company and the Government of Sri Lanka was signed;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid agreement will be tabled;
 - (iv) of the date on which the agreement between CICT Company and the Government of Sri Lanka was signed;
 - (v) whether the aforesaid agreement will be tabled;
 - (vi) of the reasons for assigning the operation of containers at Colombo harbour to the aforesaid companies;
 - (vii) separately on per year basis the number of containers handled by Sri Lanka Ports Authority, SAGT Company and CICT Company from year 1998 to date; and
 - (viii) separately on per year basis the percentage of the number of containers handled by each company out of the total number of containers handled?
- (b) If not, why?

1017/16

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the work of broadening the road from Pepiliyana to W.A. Silva Mawatha in Pamankada, which was carried out by the Road Development Authority, has been discontinued;
 - (ii) whether he admits that the vehicles plying from Horana to Colombo are caught up in a huge traffic jam and environment also is greatly polluted as a result of this situation; and
 - (iii) whether the statement made by the Chairperson of the Regional Development Committee of Dehiwala, Mrs. Sunethra Ranasinghe, in response to a query made in this regard from her by a person named Mr. Thissa de Silva, a civil engineer residing at Sunethradevi Road, to the effect that monetary allocations are not available for the future construction work, is true?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to recommence the construction work which has been discontinued by now; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be recommenced?
 - (c) If not, why ?
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Wednesday, January 25, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

697/16

1.

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

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) the people who have made their living on lacquer related products are getting distanced from that industry at present;
 - (ii) there are problems in regard to raw materials and the market; and
 - (iii) this industry could bring a lot of foreign exchange to the country?
- (b) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether lacquer products are exported;
 - (ii) if so, the export income received in the year 2015; and
 - (iii) if not exported, whether action will be taken to export; and
 - (iv) if so, the date on which it will be commenced?
- (c) Will he also inform this House,—
 - (i) whether the government has taken steps to broaden the market for lacquer industry in the country; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid steps?
- (d) If not, why?

902/16

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a committee has been appointed or a programme has been arranged to grant relief to employees of the National Housing Development Authority who were subjected to political victimization;
 - (ii) if so, whether the appointment of such a committee or the arrangement of such a programme was done under a Cabinet approval, and if so, the date on which approval was received; and
 - (iii) of the time period taken into consideration when granting relief for political victimization;
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the programme implemented to grant relief to those who were subjected to political victimization;
 - (ii) separately the names of the persons who, having been subjected to political victimization, received relief and have been given promotions, along with the facts of vengeance and the relief they received;
 - (iii) whether they will be paid their salary in arrears along with their promotion; and
 - (iv) if so, of the date from which it will be made effective?
- (c) If not, why?

924/16

3.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an agreement has been signed between Sri Lanka Ports Authority and Sea Gulf Shipyard (pvt) company to lease out the Galle port premises ;
- (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid agreement was signed;
- (iii) whether the aforesaid agreement is operative to date;
- (iv) if not, the reasons for it; and
- (v) whether the aforesaid agreement will be tabled in this House?

(b) If not, why ?

953/'16

4.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of faculties functioning in the University of Colombo at present;
- (ii) the number of departments functioning in it;
- (iii) the permanent academic staff that should be there in each department and faculty, separately;
- (iv) whether there are vacancies in permanent academic staff; and
- (v) if so, the number of vacancies prevalent in each faculty and department, separately?

(b) If not, why?

989/'16

5.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the percentage of the wastage of power occurring technologically and commercially within the electricity transmission and distribution network of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the measures being taken by the Ceylon Electricity Board to eliminate this wastage;
- (iii) the measures being taken by the Lanka Electricity Company (Pvt) Ltd., to minimize this wastage; and
- (iv) whether he acknowledges that the power wastage in Sri Lanka is at a higher value in comparison to other countries of the world?

(b) If not, why?

997/'16

6.

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House during the period from 1972 to 2009, due to the Tamil separatist terrorism—
 - (i) the number of members in the Army including the Civil Security force, who were died and injured;
 - (ii) the number of terrorists who were died and injured in that cause separately; and
 - (iii) the number of civilians who were died and injured separately?
- (b) If not, why?

1018/'16

7.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the construction work of Weras Ganga Project has discontinued by now having been carried out up to Sunethradevi Road;
 - (ii) the mosquito population has greatly increased and deadly diseases such as dengue has spread in the surrounding area due to the discontinuation of the construction work; and
 - (iii) even though a person named Mr. Thissa de Silva, civil engineer residing at Seunethradevi Road, has informed Mr. Nihal Rupasinghe, the Secretary to the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development, of this situation, it has produced no result?
- (b) Will inform this House of the action expected to be taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

1031/'16

8.

Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Circular Nos. 59/89 and 21/88 have been issued for the payment of compensation to officers who died, disabled due to the war situation;

(28)

- (ii) subsequently, measures were taken to pay the salary of 120 months based on the last drawn salary as compensation as per Circular No. 22/93 (iii) dated 04.05.2005;
 - (iii) adequate relief was not received by many families as a result of the provisions of this circular not being made applicable in respect of those who received relief under Circulars No. 21/88 and 59/89 (REPPIA); and
 - (iv) conditions have been imposed as of now to submit clearance reports from the security divisions when seeking relief?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether measures will be taken to—
- (i) issue a new circular on the above matter connected to Circulars 21/28, 59/89, 22/93 and 22/93(iii);
 - (ii) pay the salary of the deceased officer to his family till such time the officer would have reached 55 years had he been alive, together with compensation; and
 - (iii) to remove the requirement to obtain security clearance reports from security divisions?
- (c) If not, why?

1032/'16

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total number of families displaced in the North and East due to the war;
 - (ii) the number of families resettled during the period, after the year 2009 till January 2015; and
 - (iii) as to what percentage is the number indicated in (ii) above, out of the total number of displaced families;
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) separately, the number of families and the number of persons living in welfare camps by January 2016;
 - (ii) the number of families resettled during the period from January to September 2016;
 - (iii) separately, the number of families and the number of persons remain to be resettled;
 - (iv) the reason for keeping people in camps further without being resettled; and
 - (v) the date on which the resettlement activities will be fully completed?
- (c) If not, why?

1073/16

10.

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of elephants and tuskers live in the Pinnawala elephant orphanage;
 - (ii) whether plans have been made to start another elephant orphanage anew in addition to the Pinnawala elephant orphanage;
 - (iii) if so, in which place it will be located;
 - (iv) whether elephants for the new orphanage will be obtained from the Pinnawala orphanage;
 - (v) if so, how many are expected to be so obtained;
 - (vi) whether he accepts that the popularity, development and existence of the Pinnawala orphanage can be adversely affected owing to this activity; and
 - (vii) if so, what measures will be taken to prevent this harm?
- (c) If not, why?

1098/16

11.

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) not a single SLTB bus service operates from Nattandiya to Colombo via Marawila; and
 - (ii) a large number of people living along the road from Nattandiya to Marawila travel daily to Wennappuwa, Negambo, Katunayake, Jaela and Colombo for employment?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether measures will be taken to operate an SLTB bus from Nattandiya to Colombo via Marawila in the morning and an SLTB bus from Colombo to Nattandiya via Marawila in the evening?
- (c) If not, why?

698/16

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the quantity of coriander that was imported to Sri Lanka in the year 2015; and
 - (ii) the main countries from which Sri Lanka imports coriander?

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

903/16

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the total number of permanent positions in the National Housing Development Authority as per its cadre;
 - (ii) the designations mentioned in (i) above;
 - (iii) the number of the positions currently covered on acting basis;
 - (iv) the designations of positions referred to in (iii) above; and
 - (v) the reasons for not recruiting permanent officers for the positions currently covered on acting basis;
- (b) If not, why?

1006/16

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware of the existence of a government called 'Transnational Government of the Tamil Eelam' intent on the establishment of a separate state called 'Eelam' within Sri Lanka; a parliament called 'Transnational Constituent Assembly' comprising 135 members; and a post of Prime Minister to which a person by the name of Vishwanadan Rudrakumaran has been appointed; and
 - (ii) whether he admits that Australian and Denmark governments have displayed the name of Tamil Eelam in their websites as a legitimate state?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether there are any other countries other than Tibet and Tamil Eelam, which do not have a geographical territory; and
 - (ii) of the steps taken to prevent this illegitimate government from functioning effectively in the United States of America, Canada and Europe?
- (c) If not, why?

1074/16

15.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the house that belongs to Mr. Hewainnaga Gunadasa at No. 196/1/1 in Hewainna, Eheliyagoda was completely destroyed due to a fire caused by lightning on 19.04.2016; and
 - (ii) no relief has been granted so far although Sabaragamuwa Provincial Councilor Hon. Naminda Anurapriya has informed the District Secretary of Ratnapura and Divisional Secretary of Eheliyagoda in writing in this regard;
- (b) Will he inform this House of the date on which compensation will be granted because although five months have passed since the disaster struck, no compensation has been paid so far?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, January 26, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

699/16

1.

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

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

709/'16

2.

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

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

723/'16

3.

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

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

811/'16

4.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of persons recruited to various institutions of the Provincial Council after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province assumed duties on that post;
- (ii) the names of those persons and the institutions to which they have been recruited, separately;
- (iii) the procedures followed in recruiting those persons; and
- (iv) whether those recruitments have been made without any political affiliation?

(b) If not, why?

828/'16

5.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

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

(b) If not, why?

6.

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

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

7.

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

- (a) Is he aware—
 - (i) that the University of Kelaniya commenced a four year special degree programme by the name of Bachelor of Speech and Hearing Sciences with effect from the year 2007 ;
 - (ii) that this degree course is named as two separate Bachelor of Science special courses as Speech and Auditory Therapy and Hearing Science after the first year of study; and
 - (iii) that the graduates who have followed Speech and Auditory Therapy are recruited to the ministry of Health as language therapists?

- (b) Will he inform this House whether arrangements will be made by the Ministry of Health to recruit the graduates who have completed the Degree in Hearing Sciences?
- (c) If not, why?

931/'16

8.

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

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

937/'16

9.

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

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

945/'16

10.

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

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

948/'16

11.

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

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

1004/'16

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) Whether a large quantity of gold belonging to Tamil people who are living in Refugee Camps after the war, was deposited anywhere in a trust;
 - (ii) whether these deposits were enumerated;
 - (iii) whether there are complaints that their gold has not been returned to them so far;
 - (iv) of the available details regarding (i) above; and
 - (v) of the steps taken by the government to settle these claims?
- (b) If not, why?

529/'16

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of land in which nutmeg has been grown in Sri Lanka by the year 2015;

(37)

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

901/'16

14.

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

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

847/'16

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the Grama Niladhari Divisions in the Panampattu area in the Ampara District where the Vanni Sinhala people live; and
 - (ii) the number of people living in those areas as of today?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether the government has guaranteed the fulfilling of fundamental needs of these people such as education, higher education and health;

- (ii) if so, how?
 - (iii) whether the government has extended patronage for these people to preserve their cultural identity and traditional heritage; and
 - (iv) if so, what they are?
 - (d) if not why?
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Friday, January 27, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

465/'16

1.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(5)

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

848/'16

2.

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

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

909/'16

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that Dickwella North Maha Vidyalaya of , Matara was named for the “Nearest School is the Best School” Programme by the Director of Education of Southern Province;
 - (ii) whether this proposed school has been rejected and some other school has been selected for the project; and
 - (iii) if so, why?
- (b) If not, why?

928/'16

4.

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately the names, dates of birth, addresses in Sri Lanka, educational qualifications, service experience, appointed countries, posts of the persons who were appointed to Foreign Diplomatic Missions of Sri Lanka from 08.01.2015 to 01.08.2016 and who are not officers of the Sri Lanka Foreign Service;
 - (ii) of them, the persons holding statuses of dual citizenship/foreign citizenship; and
 - (iii) the duties entrusted to these persons who were political appointees?
- (b) If not, why?

981/'16

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of generators at the Norochcholai Coal Thermal Power Plant;
 - (ii) separately, the year in which each of these generators started generating electricity ;
 - (iii) the total amount of money incurred by the Government of Sri Lanka on the said generators;
 - (iv) as to how the funds were secured for this project?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) as to how the loan obtained for the construction of the Norochcholai Power Plant is repaid;
 - (ii) whether the loan is repaid by the Ceylon Electricity Board or by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) the aggregate of the installments paid per year in US dollar millions?
- (c) If not, why?

985/16

6.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the electricity generation capacity of Sri Lanka as of 31.12.2015;
 - (ii) the electricity generated through renewable energy sources as a percentage of the total electricity generation capacity;
 - (iii) the position in which Sri Lanka stands among countries in the world that use renewable energy sources for the generation of electricity; and
 - (iv) the value of investments made within the last 10 years by the government of Sri Lanka or institutions affiliated to the government for the generation of electricity using solar power, wind power, and bio mass energy sources?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the reason for the investments made by the government with relevance to the generation of electricity using wind power, solar power and bio mass energy sources to remain at a minimum level?
- (c) If not, why?

1002/16

7.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the drawbacks which have been disclosed by the article written to “The Island” News paper by a person named Shanthi Lal Nanayakkara on 16.08.2016 with pertinence to the Lotus Tower (Nelum Kuluna);
 - (ii) whether it is admitted that the said drawbacks are existing;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to steer clear of the aforesaid drawbacks; and
 - (iv) if so, what those steps are?
- (b) If not, why?

1009/'16

8.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman, — To ask the Minister of Lands,—(2)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of families to which permanent title deeds have been granted by the government out of the residents of the Egoda Kalugamuwa Colony belonging to the Uda Palatha Divisional Secretariat Division of the Kandy District; and
 - (ii) out of the aforementioned residents, the number of families which have not yet been granted with title deeds?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to provide title deeds to land recipients who have been residing in the aforesaid settlement for over fifty years?
- (c) If not, why?

1012/'16

9.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa, — To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a plan to construct an underground pipe system to make the rain water that gets collected in the Colombo city drain off into the sea;
 - (ii) if so, of the name of the consultancy firm which provides consultancy services for preparing that plan;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for selecting that firm;
 - (iv) if so, of the date on which such tenders were called;
 - (v) of the name of the entity which provides loans or aid for the aforesaid project;
 - (vi) of the value of the loan or aid mentioned in (v) above; and
 - (vii) of the proposed time for the commencement of the aforesaid project?
- (b) If not, why?

1016/'16

10.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa, — To ask the Minister Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that Ministry of Economic Development implemented a programme called “Gamin Gamata Dorin Dorata”, in the year 2014;
 - (ii) of the total amount of money allocated for the projects in Weligepola and Godakawela Pradeshiya Sabha areas; and

(42)

- (iii) of the projects completed under aforesaid (ii)?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he accepts the fact that money has not been released up to now for the following projects that have been completed; namely, road development project of Ilukkumbura Galinna, development of Ramakoralaya road laying tar from the house of Mr. S.H. Ariyawansa to water tank, development of the road laying tar from the road leading to the house of Ms. T.M. Nanda of Kudugaldeniya towards Masimbula road, and development of road from Ramakoralaya culvert repairing dilapidated places and laying tar;
 - (ii) if so, whether measures will be taken to disburse outstanding payments for the respective organizations; and
 - (iii) of the time, spent on that?
- (c) If not, why?

1019/'16

11.

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

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

1030/'16

12.

Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a security clearance report is obtained by the relevant appointing authority before new recruits to the Public Service are confirmed in service;
 - (ii) approval by the security forces is rejected, if any person harbouring a grudge against the appointee informed them that the relevant person had supported the L.T.T.E .combatants; and

(43)

- (iii) the appointments are terminated as a result?
- (b) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to re-grant the appointments terminated in this manner; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to make the requirement for a security clearance report invalid under the good governance?
- (c) If not, why?

547/16

13.

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

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

954/16

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of faculties functioning in the University of Peradeniya at present;
 - (ii) the number of departments functioning in it;
 - (iii) the permanent academic staff that should be there in each department and faculty, separately;

(44)

- (iv) whether there are vacancies in permanent academic staff; and
- (v) if so, the number of vacancies prevalent in each faculty and department, separately?

(b) If not, why?

982/'16

15.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the amount of electricity generated in Sri Lanka using solar power;
- (ii) the amount of electricity produced and added to the national grid per day by citizens who have installed solar cells in their homes or commercial buildings;
- (iii) the reason for the lack of interest towards producing electricity using solar power; and
- (iv) the reliefs granted by the Ceylon Electricity Board to its consumers who generate electricity using solar power and add it to the national grid?

(b) If not, why?

Tuesday, February 07, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

464/'16

1.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(5)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) separately the numbers of Advisors, Secretaries, Coordinating Officers, Personal Assistants and such other officers that have been appointed by the President to his staff as at 01 January 2016;
- (ii) the total number of officers as per (i) above;
- (iii) separately the names of the officers mentioned in (i) above and the salary, allowances, the staff and other facilities that have been provided to each of those officers; and
- (iv) separately the educational and professional qualifications of each of the officers mentioned in (i) above?

(b) If not, why?

535/'16

2.

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

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

675/'16

3.

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of sites with archaeological importance that have been identified in the districts of Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Jaffna, Puttalam, Ampara, Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Vavuniya and Mannar;
 - (ii) separately of the sites mentioned in (i) above as per their Divisional Secretariats;
 - (iii) of the number of sites that have by now been conserved by the Department of Archaeology out of the sites above, and of the names of those sites;
 - (iv) of the sites of archaeological importance that are faced with severe threat but conservation measures have not yet been initiated;
 - (v) of the programmes that have been formulated by the government institutions in view of conserving the sites mentioned in (iv) above; and
 - (vi) of the amount of money allocated for that?
- (b) If not, why?

873/'16

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province has started a programme for the distribution of school bags among school children of the Uva Province;

(46)

- (ii) if so, of the number of students of the Badulla District that have received the aforesaid benefit;
 - (iii) of the total expenditure borne for this purpose by now;
 - (iv) of the funding sources of the aforesaid project;
 - (v) whether any irregularity has occurred in the aforesaid project; and
 - (vi) if so, of the steps that will be taken in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

910/'16

5.

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

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

938/'16

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of objectives the Indo-Sri Lanka Marine Electric Cable Line Project is expected to achieve; and
 - (ii) whether it is possible to complete the Project in the year 2020?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
- (i) the estimated total amount;
 - (ii) the expenditure that will be borne by the Government of Sri Lanka; and

(47)

(iii) the amount, if the Government of India will make a financial investment;

in respect of the Project?

(c) If not, why?

951/'16

7.

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the extent of land in the Divulapitiya electorate that belong to the government;

(ii) the institution that each of those lands belong to, separately;

(iii) the extent of land that have been leased for investment activities;

(iv) the extent of land leased or transferred for settling;

(v) The extent of land that has been planned to be leased or transferred in future;

(vi) whether the Ministry has a programme to fully utilize the underutilized lands, if any; and

(vii) If so, what that programme is?

(b) If not, why?

537/'16

8.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the extent of land in which black gram has been grown in Sri Lanka by the year 2015;

(ii) the black gram production in each year during the five years from the year 2010 up to 2015 separately in kilograms;

(iii) whether the government directly purchases black gram from farmers; and

(iv) if so, the quantity of black gram purchased by the Government in each year during the last five years separately?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

(i) whether steps will be taken by the Government to enhance black gram production; and

(ii) if so, the aforesaid steps;

(c) If not, why?

Friday, March 10, 2017

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.9/'15

1.

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.10/'15

2.

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

P.11/'15

3.

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

P.12/'15

4.

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. 13/'15

5.

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

P. 14/'15

6.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking action to create national integrity,— That this Parliament resolves that, with the aim of promoting national integrity, a national programme be implemented with the assistance of the state and private electronic and print media to commence the conducting of the Sinhala language training programmes in areas where the Tamil speaking people live and the Tamil language training programmes where the Sinhala speaking people live with the assistance of Government, non-government and private institutions.

P. 15/'15

7.

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

P.16/'15

8.

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

P.17/'15

9.

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

P.18/'15

10.

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.19/'15

11.

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

P.21/'15

12.

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

P.22/'15

13.

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

P.23/'15

14.

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

P.24/'15

15.

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

P.25/'15

16.

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

P.26/'15

17.

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.27/'15

18.

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

P.28/'15

19.

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

P.29/'15

20.

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

P.30/'15

21.

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

P.31/'15

22.

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

P.32/'15

23.

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.33/'15

24.

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

P.34/'15

25.

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

P.35/'15

26.

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.

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27.

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.

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28.

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.

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29.

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

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30.

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

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31.

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

P.41/'15

32.

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

P.42/'15

33.

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

P.43/'15

34.

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

P.44/'15

35.

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

P.45/'15

36.

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

P.46/'15

37.

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

P.47/'15

38.

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

P.48/'15

39.

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

P.49/'15

40.

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.50/'15

41.

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

P.51/'15

42.

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

P.52/'15

43.

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

P.53/'15

44.

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

P.54/'15

45.

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

P.55/'15

46.

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

P.56/'15

47.

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

P.57/'15

48.

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

P.58/'15

49.

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

P.59/'15

50.

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

P.60/'15

51.

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

P.61/'15

52.

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

P.62/'15

53.

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

P.63/'15

54.

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

P.64/'15

55.

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

P.65/'15

56.

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

P.66/'15

57.

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

P.67/'15

58.

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

P.68/'15

59.

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

P.69/'15

60.

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.70/'15

61.

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

P.71/'15

62.

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

P.72/'15

63.

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

P.73/'15

64.

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

P.74/'15

65.

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

P.76/'15

66.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking action to prevent food unsuitable for consumption from coming to the market,— That this Parliament resolves that action should be taken to solve the problems faced by the Special Raids Units of the Consumer Affairs Authority, in carrying out raids against persons and institutions that are engaged in producing and selling food unsuitable for consumption, those aiding and abetting in such acts and provide the Authority with the necessary facilities, and to amend the Legal System so that maximum punishment could be meted out to offenders.

P.77/'15

67.

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

P.78/'15

68.

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

P.79/'15

69.

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.80/'15

70.

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

P.81/'15

71.

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

P.82/'15

72.

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.83/'15

73.

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.84/'15

74.

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

P.85/'15

75.

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

P.86/'15

76.

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

P.87/'15

77.

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

P.88/'15

78.

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

P.89/'15

79.

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

P.90/'15

80.

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

P.91/'15

81.

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

P.92/'15

82.

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

P.93/'15

83.

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

P.94/'15

84.

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

P.95/'15

85.

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

P.96/'15

86.

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

P. 97/'15

87.

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

P. 98/'15

88.

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

P. 99/'15

89.

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

P. 100/'15

90.

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

P. 101/'15

91.

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

P. 102/'15

92.

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

P. 103/'15

93.

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, Devadharma Jathaka, Sathara Sangraha Wasthu, Chakkawaththi Sihanada Sutta and Dharma Pradeepika.

P. 104/'15

94.

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

P. 105/'15

95.

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

P. 106/'15

96.

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

P. 107/'15

97.

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

P.108/'15

98.

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

P. 109/'15

99.

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

P. 110/'15

100.

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

P.111/'15

101.

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

P.112/'15

102.

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

P.113/'15

103.

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

P.114/'15

104.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Minimizing the problems faced by the people due to the complex global market,— That this Parliament resolves that there is a need for an awareness programme and an intellectual dialogue in this country to make people aware of how to lead a relieved lifestyle and solve the problems created by the complex life style formed within the market economy because the world trade pattern introduced by the globalization has invaded the human mind and the uprooting of traditional values and developed philosophies from the mindset of human beings has become a common factor among Sri Lankans.

P.115/'15

105.

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

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106.

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

P.117/'15

107.

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

P.118/'15

108.

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

P.119/'15

109.

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

P.120/'15

110.

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

P.121/'15

111.

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

P.122/'15

112.

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

P.123/'15

113.

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

P.124/'15

114.

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

P.125/'15

115.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Exerting the influence of Buddhism on Parapsychology,— That this Parliament resolves that, as certain insights into the human mind defined by Lord Buddha are too deep to be captured by modern science, interventions be made by the government by appointing a committee consisting of local and foreign scholars to carry out research and to propose definitions and solutions to the issues that the field of parapsychology is currently facing and to popularize Buddhism locally and internationally, to enhance Sri Lanka's reputation and to bring about a revival in the sphere of Parapsychology through such measures.

P.126/'15

116.

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

P.127/'15

117.

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

P.128/'15

118.

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

P.129/'15

119.

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

P.130/'15

120.

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

P.131/'15

121.

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

P.132/'15

122.

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

P. 133/'15

123.

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

P.134/'15

124.

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

P.135/'15

125.

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

P.136/'15

126.

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

P.137/'15

127.

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

P.138/'15

128.

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

P.139/'15

129.

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

P.140/'15

130.

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

P.145/'15

131.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Establishing an institution to look into the harassments that are inflicted to the public by the Government institutions,— That this parliament resolves that a Government institution with legal authority, be set up in order to look in to the harassments and the injustices that are caused to the public who visit Government institutions to get various services done and to examine aforesaid injustices.

P.150/'15

132.

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— Developing a proper methodology to provide employments to graduates,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper methodology be developed for serving justice to graduates in Sri Lanka in giving them employments in place of the system that has been in existence so far of taking into consideration the political parties they supported and that action be taken to adopt it as a policy in order to ensure that graduates are not belittled before politicians.

P.151/'15

133.

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

P.154/'15

134.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Establishing a Multi-Storey Housing Scheme in the Kandy District,—That this Parliament resolves that a programme to provide houses to the houseless middle class people in the Kandy District should be implemented by initiating a multi-storey housing scheme on uncultivated land belonging to plantation institutions of the government in the Kandy District, as a solution to the shortage of land and houses throughout the Kandy District.

P.155/'15

135.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Granting pension to members of the three armed forces who have been engaged in operational duties for 12 years,— That this Parliament resolves that since a retirement scheme is in operation for service personnel of the three armed forces after the completion of 22 years in service, and since those who have been engaged continuously for a period of 12 years in operational duties in the North and East and left the service are in a state of despair at present, that a scheme shall be formulated forthwith to grant them a semi pension in order to grant relief to such members of the three armed forces and police.

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136.

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

P.157/'15

137.

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

P.158/'15

138.

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

P.159/'15

139.

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

P.160/'15

140.

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

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141.

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

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142.

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

P.169/'16

143.

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

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144.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— Introducing a Haj Pilgrimage Act,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should introduce a "Haj Pilgrimage Act" in order to resolve issues faced by pilgrims who go on annual Haj pilgrimages from Sri Lanka and to establish an institutional structure and formulate legal provisions for the same

P.178/'16

145.

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— Building a Memorial for the people who lost their lives due to the war and declaring a common day to commemorate them,—That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate day should be declared to commemorate the people of all religions and nationalities that speak all languages who lost their lives due to war and take measures to celebrate that day annually, and a Memorial should be built in order to honour their dedication, in the name of the motherland, in an appropriate place in Omanthei of Northern Province, commemorating as Sri Lankans, the people of all religions, social levels and all nationalities that speak all languages who were killed due to the war and due to the anomalous conditions that prevailed during the recent past, since the people are ushering in peace overcoming the war like situation that prevailed in the Northern Province for number of decades.

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146.

Hon. Sisira Jayakody,— Establishment of an Authority to rehabilitate the drug addicts,— That this Parliament resolves that an Authority should be established in order to rehabilitate drug addicts with the initiative of religious leaders and by using Buddhist spiritual meditations, indigenous medicine and other remedies, since the absence of a proper programme or procedure for rehabilitation has become a severe burden for youths who wants to abandon their drug addiction.

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147.

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala, — Implementation of Island-wide Combined Schedule to operate S.L.T.B. and Private buses at night, — That this Parliament resolves that the Sri Lanka Transport Board and Road Passenger Transport Authorities established under the Provincial Councils should develop and implement a combined schedule for S.L.T.B. and private buses to operate at night throughout the Island as passengers are severely inconvenienced owing to S.L.T.B. and private buses not operating in a proper manner after 6 p.m. throughout the Country .

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148.

Hon. Abdullah Marhooff,— Resettlement of the Muslim community, forcibly evicted from the Northern Province, — That this Parliament resolves that it is the responsibility of the government to identify and remove all the stumbling blocks to resettle the Muslim community lived in the Northern Province for centuries who were forcibly evicted within forty eight hours, to leave their assets and belongings behind and without a guarantee for their lives in 1990, even though this minority local populace continue to live in the country without going abroad or betraying this country and they even cast 95% of their vote during the Presidential and General Elections, but they are still unable to return to their original places, therefore, they must be allowed to resettle in their original places with all the rights.

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149.

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

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150.

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

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151.

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

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

*1.

Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana,— Select Committee of Parliament to investigate and report on the suppression of escalating crimes in Sri Lanka and evading the delays in implementing law,—

Whereas it has turned out to be a prime necessity of the people of this country to suppress the escalating crimes in Sri Lanka and to evade the delays in implementing the law,

And whereas the Parliament is vested in the responsibility to draw its concern and interest in that regard and remedy the situation,

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed, to look into the following matters and make suitable recommendations:—

- (a) on the nature of the crimes that took place in recent times, the reasons that were led for the occurrence of such crimes, the measures that should be taken to minimize the criminal acts and necessary legal provisions and/or amendments;

- (b) on the appropriate procedures that should be adopted in evading the delays with regard to civil and criminal matters and on the laws that should be newly introduced and /or amended; and
 - (c) on any other matters incidental thereto and the Committee deems appropriate and necessary in the circumstances and which will have a bearing on the matter under consideration by the Committee.
- 2.
 - (a) The Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker; and
 - (b) The Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order No. 95 of the Parliament.
- 3. 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 present its report to Parliament within a period of six (06) months from the first meeting of the Committee or within such further period as Parliament may grant.

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Hon. C. B. Rathnayake

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— Vote of No Confidence on the
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance,—

Whereas in terms of Article 148 of the Constitution, Parliament shall have full control over public finance;

And whereas the annual budget is the main instrument in the fiscal management;

And whereas it is the duty and the responsibility of the Minister of Finance to present the statistics relating to financial values of the budget, which is presented to this House as the Appropriation Bill, in a detailed, transparent, trustworthy and accurate manner;

And whereas Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance, has presented a budget for the year 2016 to this august assembly with misrepresentations which mislead the Parliament and the general public;

And whereas page 85 of the Annual Report of 2014 presented to this august assembly (on 20th April 2015) by the Hon. Minister in terms of the Section 13 of the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act, No. 3 of 2003 states thus “the total investment on the fields of general education, higher education and vocational education is Rs. 164 billion and it is an increase of 7 billion as against the Rs. 157 billion allocated in 2013”;

And whereas the government investment made on general education in 2014 was Rs. 117 billion and it is an increase of 8% as against the Rs. 108 billion allocated in 2013;

And whereas according to pages 218 and 219 of the budget estimates of 2016, in the Volume II, capital expenditure for general education has been increased by a very small amount of Rs.0.5 billion from Rs. 17.8 billion in 2015 to Rs. 18.3 billion in 2016;

And whereas recurrent expenditure for general education in year 2016 has been rocketed by an extraordinary 278% in comparison with the year 2015 by Rs. 123 billion from Rs. 44 billion to 167 billion in the year 2016 marking an unusual and astonishing change in the history of budget in Sri Lanka;

And whereas the main reason for this extraordinary and astonishing increase in recurrent expenditure is the entry of Rs. 121 billion i.e. Rs.121,352 million in the accounts as “Public investment maintenance cost – Land and buildings”, cost which has never been mentioned in any budget throughout the history of post independence in Sri Lanka;

And whereas although this is depicted as recurrent expenditure, it is not a sum of money that it intended for actual spending;

And whereas as a complete breach of the confidence of this House has occurred as a result the submission of inaccurate information and statistical data by way of falsely “inflating” the vote of the Ministry of Education through indicating an amount that exceeds Rs. 1210 crores as recurrent expenditure on education although such a sum is not going to be spent on education in year 2016;

That this Parliament resolves that it no longer has confidence in the capacity of the Minister of Finance to execute duties of the aforesaid office.

** Indicates Government Business.*
