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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

101/15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of medical centres registered in Sri Lanka under the names of doctors;
 - (ii) the number of full time and part time registered centres separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the last census was carried out regarding the number of private medical centres belonging to the doctors;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to conduct another census;
 - (iii) if so, of the date on which it will be done ?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) the legal measures that can be taken against maintaining a private medical centre without a registration certificate;
 - (ii) the legal measures that were taken against unregistered private medical centres during last two years;
 - (iii) the names of doctors who owned unregistered private medical centres and the punishment given to them separately ?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

1175/16

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total cost incurred by the construction of the Port of Hambantota;
 - (ii) whether plans have been made to sell a percentage of its ownership to the private sector;

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- (iii) what percentage is expected to be sold thus; and
- (iv) of the minimum sum of money expected as proceeds from the sale?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1198/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Mullaithiu District by the year 1983 —
 - (i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed;
 - (ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed; and
 - (iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately on per year basis from year 1983 until the war situation had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and
 - (ii) separately on per year basis from the time the war ended until year 2015 the total amount of money the government had allocated for the restoration of irrigations systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

1413/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether he will submit the number of scholarships awarded to students following courses at the Gem and Jewellery Training Institute, their value and a list of scholarship recipients as per proposal No.177 of the 2016 budget?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will submit a data chart setting out the growth each year of foreign exchange earned through the export of Gem and Jewellery from 1977 up to now;
 - (ii) the strategies and programmes introduced anew by the government after 2015 for the promotion of the Gem and Jewellery Industry; and
 - (iii) whether he will submit the trends in exporting gems to China in respect of each year from 2000 up to now?
- (c) If not, why?

(3)

5.

1580/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the Bank of Ceylon 5th City Branch in Colombo Fort was started on 15.05.1975;
 - (ii) over 60,000 customers have opened accounts with the aforesaid branch as at present;
 - (iii) the aforesaid branch has started to fail due to the poor, inefficient administration of the present management; and
 - (iv) there are plans to attach this branch to the Colombo City Branch for the aforesaid reason?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that 60,000 customers will be provided with facilities if the aforesaid branch is continued at the same location under an efficient, management; and
 - (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to continue running this bank at the same location?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

1585/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a bank account named Commonwealth Game is maintained in the Bank of Ceylon;
 - (ii) if so, of the name of the person who maintains the aforesaid account;
 - (iii) of the date on which it was opened;
 - (iv) of the amount of government funds and donations which have been credited to the aforesaid account; and
 - (v) of the balance that remains in the aforesaid account at present?
- (b) If not, why?

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7.

1594/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of sand and clay mining licenses that have been issued by the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau from the year 2010 up to now;
 - (ii) the names, addresses and the telephone numbers of the persons who have obtained licenses;
 - (iii) the revenue earned by the Bureau by issuing those licenses; and
 - (iv) the steps that will be taken by the Bureau to prevent the harm caused to the environment?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1607/17

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe – To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has taken a decision to use Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) to generate electricity in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that so far there is no possibility of using natural gas produced in Sri Lanka for commercial use;
 - (iii) if so, the plan the government has for importing and storing liquefied Natural Gas required for generating electricity;
 - (iv) if not, whether it is a process of constructing power plants in which electricity is produced out of diesel that the government is doing, in the guise of introducing liquid Natural Gas; and
 - (v) if such a risky situation prevails, why doesn't the government take steps to promote renewable energy?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

1613/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the methodology adopted in awarding for large-scale projects the lands that belong to Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the extents of lands that have been granted to Dole Lanka Company and Vita Organic Company for banana cultivations in Chandrika Wewa Division of the Walawe Zone; and
 - (ii) whether he admits that no proper methodology has been adopted in awarding those lands?
- (c) If not, why?

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10.

1629/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of consumers who have obtained solar power electricity connections under the “ Sooriya Bala Sangramaya” Project;
 - (ii) the price paid per one unit of electricity added by a consumer to the Ceylon Electricity Board under the “Sooriya Bala Sangramaya” project;
 - (iii) the capacity of electricity expected to be added to the national grid within the next 5 years under the initial projects; and
 - (iv) the reason for the lackadaisical approach shown by the Ministry of Power and Renewable Energy to add solar power to the national grid?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

1634/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether tenders were called by Ceylon Electricity Board to put up two wind power stations with the capacity of 10 Megawatt for each, in Chunnakkam of Jaffna district;
 - (ii) if so, separately of the bids forwarded for the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) of two companies for which aforesaid tenders were granted;
 - (iv) separately, of the bids forwarded by aforesaid companies; and
 - (v) of the progress of each aforesaid project?
- (b) If not why?

12.

1640/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the Departments and Statutory Bodies that belong to the Ministry of Agriculture;
 - (ii) if those institutions are in rented buildings the names of those buildings along with the names and addresses of the owners of those buildings;
 - (iii) the annual rent paid by the Ministry for each building separately on per year basis; and
 - (iv) the methodology adopted by the Ministry in renting the buildings?
- (b) If not, why?

(6)

13.

1672/17

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total extent of land in which paddy was cultivated in this season;
 - (ii) the extent of land in which the cultivations were damaged owing to the prevailing severe drought; and
 - (iii) the number of metric tonnes of paddy which is estimated to be lost to the country owing to the drought?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reliefs the government intends to grant to the farmers whose cultivations were damaged;
 - (ii) whether the Ministry of Agriculture has made allocations for that; and
 - (iii) if so, the amount of money so allocated?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

1676/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House number and names of courses medium-wise, conducted in Colleges of Education in Sri Lanka;
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) names of courses conducted at Batticaloa College of Education;
 - (ii) number of trainees undergoing training in each course;
 - (iii) of the reason that the other possible Tamil medium courses are not conducted at Batticaloa College of Education;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to admit students for other feasible Tamil medium courses at Batticaloa College of Education;
 - (v) whether suitable lecturers are not available to commence such courses; and
 - (vi) if so, action will be taken to appoint such category of lecturers?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

1682/17

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. D.M. Jayatissa of Kaduruwelena, Okkampitiya joined the Sri Lanka Police in 1983 and served in it under official number ෧෩.෧෩. 5439;
 - (ii) he served in Ampara and Baticaloa areas for 9 years in the Police Special Task Force; and

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- (iii) the order made by the Committee on Public Petitions of Parliament following submissions being made to it regarding his dismissal from Police Service in 1994 on a false charge that he be reinstated, was not implemented and the other order that he be reinstated with arrears salary after the Committee deciding that an injustice has been caused to him upon the consideration of 3 more petitions submitted by him regarding the non implementation of the order of the Committee was not implemented?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that the failure to implement the order made by the Committee on 3 occasions that he be reinstated, is a grave injustice caused to him; and
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to reinstate Mr. Jayatissa by implementing the order given by the Committee on Public Petitions?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—Supplementary Estimate—Head 117— Programme 02,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees Fifty Three Billion (Rs. 53,000,000,000) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or monies of or at the disposal of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceed of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for service of the Financial Year beginning of the 01st January 2017 and ending on 31st December 2017. The said sum may be expended as specified in the Schedule hereto.

Schedule

Head -117 **Ministry of Higher Education and Highways**

Programme - 2 **Development Activities**

			<u>Rs. Million</u>
Project	- 3	Expressways Development-	31,200.00
		Foreign Fund (Financing Code12)	30,000.00
		Domestic Fund (Financing Code17)	1,200.00
		(Schedule No. 01)	

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- 4	Highways Development-	15,800.00
	Foreign Fund (Financing Code12)	14,500.00
	Domestic Fund (Financing Code17)	1,300.00
	(Schedule No. 02)	
- 6	Construction of Bridges and Fly Overs-	6,000.00
	(Foreign Fund) (Financing Code12)	
	(Schedule No. 03)	
	Total Expenditure	<u><u>Rs. 53,000.00</u></u>
	(Rupees Fifty Three Billion only)	
	(Cabinet approval signified.)	

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 1 of 2017 presented on 09th August, 2017

*2.

The Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs,— Regulations under the Registration of Persons Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs under Subsection (1) of Section 52 of the Registration of Persons Act, No. 32 of 1968 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2021/28 of 31st May 2017, which was presented on 25.07.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Minister of Sports,— Regulation under the Sports Law,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Sports under Section 41 read with Section 31 of the Sports Law, No. 25 of 1973 with regard to regulations on National Sports Associations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2017/41 of 05th May 2017, which was presented on 26.07.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Inland Revenue Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Regulation under the Stamp duty (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Finance under Section 5 read of the Stamp duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 with regard to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2007/24 of 21st February 2017, which was presented on 08.08.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Order under the Extradition Law (No. 1),— That the Order made by the President under Section 3 of the Extradition Law, No. 8 of 1977 relating to Extradition Treaty between Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Russian Federation published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2022/27 of 07th June 2017, which was presented on 25.07.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Order under the Extradition Law (No. 2),—That the Order made by the President under Section 3 of the Extradition Law, No. 8 of 1977 relating to Extradition Treaty between Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Ukraine published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2021/47 of 02nd June 2017, which was presented on 26.07.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

Prevention of Crimes (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*13.

Sri Lanka Sustainable Development Bill — Adjourned debate on question. (8th March 2017) [1].

*14.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission (2013),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 06.09.2016 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication on 26.01.2017)

*15.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Transport Board (2012),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Transport Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 07.03.2017 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication on 24.03.2017)

*16.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 03.05.2017 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication on 26.05.2017)

*17.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation (2011),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation together with the observations of Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2011 and presented on 10.12.2016 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 23.05.2017)

*18.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the National Savings Bank (2015),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the National Savings Bank together with the observations of Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 24.01.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

*19.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Bank of Ceylon (2015),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Bank of Ceylon together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 25.01.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

*20.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the People's Bank (2015),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the People's Bank together with the observations of Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 08.03.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

*21.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Kurunegala Plantations Ltd. (2014),— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Kurunegala Plantations Ltd together with the observations of Independent Auditors for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 21.03.2017 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 23.05.2017)

*22.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts (2013) of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended on 31.12.2013 and presented on 08.07.2016 Under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on 04.07.2017)

*23.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts (2013), of the Sri Jayewardenapura General Hospital,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayewardenapura General Hospital together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended on 31.12.2013 and presented on 21.07.2016 Under Section 30(2) of the Sri Jayewardenapura General Hospital Board Act, No. 54 of 1983 and Section 14(2) C of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on 04.07.2017)

*24.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts (2013) of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation,— That the Annual Reports and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended on 31.12.2013 and presented on 11.08.2016 Under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on 04.07.2017)

*25.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 142 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 read with Section 118 of the aforesaid Act, relating to Medical Devices Pricing and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2006/45 of 17th February 2017, which were presented on 23.05.2017, be approved.

*26.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*27.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*28.

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.”

29.

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

30.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

31.

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

32.

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

33.

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

34.

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

35.

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

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

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

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

112/15

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the date on which the clinic building of the Thambuttegama Hospital was handed over to the Hospital after completing the construction work;
- (ii) of the amount of money spent on the aforesaid building?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the name of the contractor who built the aforesaid building;
- (ii) whether the payment has been made in full to the aforementioned contractor;
- (iii) if so, of the amount of money that was paid;
- (iv) whether money of the aforesaid contractor has been retained;
- (v) if so, of the amount of money that has been retained?

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- (c) Is he aware that —
 - (i) walls of the aforementioned building have cracked;
 - (ii) it poses a threat to the lives of patients and hospital staff;
 - (iii) the said building has not been repaired up to now?
- (d) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to repair the building;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done;
 - (iii) of the name of the contractor who will carry out the said repairs?
- (e) If not, why?

2.

1176/16

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Mr. Gotabhaya Rajapakse had functioned as a shareholder of the Lanka Hospitals Ltd during the 2010 to 2015 period;
 - (ii) if so, salaries and allowances he received as Chairman of the Lanka Hospitals Private Limited during that period; and
 - (iii) what profits were recorded by the Lanka Hospitals (Pvt) Limited in each year during the 2010 to 2015 period?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1199/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Kilinochchi District by the year 1983—
 - (i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed;
 - (ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed; and
 - (iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately on per year basis from year 1983 until the war situation had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and

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(ii) separately on per year basis from the time the war situation ended until year 2015 the total amount of money the government had allocated for the restoration of irrigations systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?

(c) If not, why?

4.

1414/'16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the foreign investments that commenced work within 50 days in 2016, as an arrangement that assures commencing work within 50 days from filling in the applications for foreign investments was introduced as per budget proposal No.199 of 2016;

(ii) of the amount of foreign exchange brought into the country by the foreign companies that commenced businesses in the country within 2016 as a result of the said fresh approach; and

(iii) whether he would submit the list of changes introduced comparatively in introducing the process to facilitate the commencement of projects in Sri Lanka by a foreign investor within 50 days?

(b) If not, why?

5.

1595/'17

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the number of local government institutions functioning in the Puttalam district at present;

(ii) of their names;

(iii) the number of people being served by each of those local government institutions along with their extent and the number of Grama Niladhari divisions, separately;

(iv) the number of new local government institutions which are proposed to be set up anew in order to provide more facilities to the people in the Puttalam district;

(v) the steps to be taken by the Ministry to expedite the setting up of the proposed local government institutions?

(b) If not, why?

6.

1614/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the methodology adopted in granting permission for sand mining in lands belonging to Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether he would present to this House a list of names of those who have been issued with licences for sand mining in Walawe Zone;
 - (iii) whether he would admit that unauthorized sand mining is taking place in large scale within the aforesaid Zone; and
 - (iv) of the steps that have been taken at present to curb that situation?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

1630/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that the generation of electricity from solar power is the renewable energy source with the lowest production cost in the world as of now;
 - (ii) if so, the measures initiated by the government of Sri Lanka for generating electricity from solar power;
 - (iii) the amount of electricity added to the national grid by now through the programme called “Soorya Bala Sangramaya” launched by the government on 06.09.2016?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1635/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which Lanka Coal Company (Pvt.) Ltd was established;
 - (ii) whether the accounts of aforesaid company have been audited, annually;
 - (iii) if so, by which firm;

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- (iv) of the reasons led, if the accounts have not been audited;
- (v) whether it can be guaranteed that aforesaid company maintains proper accounting standards; and
- (vi) if the aforesaid company has failed in maintaining proper accounting standards, of the steps that would be taken against the responsible officers?

(b) If not why?

9.

1641/17

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that the farmers faced severe hardships due to drought that prevailed for the last few months in this country;
- (ii) the names of the Districts, Divisional Secretariat Divisions and Agrarian Service Zones that were severely affected by the drought;
- (iii) whether any compensation was paid by the Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board for the farmers who were so rendered helpless ;
- (iv) if so, the names and the addresses of those farmers;
- (v) whether steps will be taken to pay compensation to the farmers, who were affected by the drought, through Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board?

(b) If not, why?

10.

1695/17

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

(a) Will he state this House —

- (i) whether the Kalpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha in Puttalam District has given approval to set up a Children's Park in Norochcholai village in year 2013; and
- (ii) if so, whether such a Children's Park has been set up?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the amount of funds received for the purpose; and
- (ii) who has received that amount of funds?

(c) If not, why?

11.

1712/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how many dengue patients have been admitted to the Kinniya hospital in the year 2017 up to now;
 - (ii) how many of them died while being under treatment;
 - (iii) is there a serious shortage of doctors, staff, beds and space in the Kinniya hospital as a result of the dengue epidemic;
 - (iv) of the steps will be taken to relieve this situation; and
 - (v) the fact that the shortage of doctors in the Kinniya hospital compelling the transfer of patients to the Trincomalee hospital?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

1732/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Muslim schools under each Educational zones in the Northern and Eastern provinces;
 - (ii) names of Assistant Directors of Education (Islam) of above zones who supervise teaching of Islam, Islamic Studies and Arabic;
 - (iii) names of Education zones which do not have ADE (Islam);
 - (iv) supervisors assigned to supervise the teaching of above subjects in these zones;
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) only two vacancies for Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service (Special cadre-Islam) were depicted in the gazette notification;
 - (ii) religious education is compulsory in the Curriculum;
 - (iii) non-supervision of Islam will have an adverse effect on the religious education of Muslim students;
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to increase the cadre of SLEAS (Special Cadre - Islam); and
 - (ii) if not, whether action will be taken to appoint ADE (Islam) on acting basis?
 - (iii) if so, when?
- (d) If not, why?

13.

1775/17

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Grama Niladari Divisions available in Sri Lanka as at 31.03.2017;
 - (ii) separately of the aforesaid number as per each province, district and divisional secretariat division;
 - (iii) of the number of Grama Niladaris deployed in service as at 31.03.2017;
 - (iv) separately of the aforesaid number as per each province, district and divisional secretariat division?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of vacant GN positions as at 31.03.2017;
 - (ii) separately of the aforesaid number as per each province, district and divisional secretariat division;
 - (iii) whether a competitive examination has been held to recruit Grama Niladaris to fill the aforesaid vacancies;
 - (iv) if so, of the year in which the particular examination was held and the number of applicants who sat for the examination;
 - (v) whether an interview has been conducted for those who obtained the highest marks at the examination;
 - (vi) if so, of the number of applicants who appeared for the interview;
 - (vii) of the number of applicants who got qualified for the GN appointments; and
 - (viii) of their names and addresses?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

1200/16

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

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

(20)

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

15.

1415/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of foreign investments made by the companies listed in the Colombo Stock Exchange in the year 2016 since the income from dividends on investments in listed shares by foreign companies was exempted from the income tax as per proposal No.199 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) whether he will submit a report on the trends (as per standard indices) in the share market of Sri Lanka following the conclusion of the armed conflict in the year 2009;
 - (iii) the amounts of investments withdrawn by foreigners from the share market of Sri Lanka in the years 2015 and 2016;
 - (iv) the proposed changes and financial and tax incentives for the revival of the share market of Sri Lanka;
 - (v) whether there is a plan to introduce the Capital Gains Tax proposed from the 2016 budget to the share market in future?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, August 24, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

115/15

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) plans have been formulated to use an area of eight acres from the mangrove forests connected to the Negambo Lagoon that come under the Department of Forest Conservation for development activities including a housing project; and
 - (ii) environmentalists have expressed objection to this project?

(21)

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the construction work that has been proposed for the aforesaid land area as per the said plan;
 - (ii) whether permission has been obtained from the Department of Forest Conservation to engage in construction work on the said mangrove forest;
 - (iii) if so, of the date on which construction work will commence;
 - (iv) whether the documentation pertaining to getting approval for engaging in construction work will be presented; and
 - (v) if not, of the lawful methodology that will be adopted to implement the said project?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1173/16

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,—To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the total extent of lands belonging to state institutions in Kaththankudy Divisional Secretariat Division in the Batticaloa district;
 - (ii) whether residents of the aforesaid Divisional Secretariats Division have submitted applications for obtaining state lands on grants/permits;
 - (iii) if so, of the number of applications that have been received; and
 - (iv) of the extent of lands that have been granted to those applicants on grants/licences as at present?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1177/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Government has any definite policy about local air navigation;
 - (ii) what Government-post holders are entitled to use helicopters of the Sri Lanka Air Force free of charge;
 - (iii) what Government institutions are entitled to use helicopters of the Sri Lanka Air Force free of charge;
 - (iv) what persons bear Government positions that enable them to local travel by air using Government funds; and

(22)

(v) what government Ministers, Members of Parliament and officers travelled by air locally using funds from the Government, State Corporations or state-owned Companies from 09.01.2015 to 31.10.2016, what times they made these journeys, what occasioned the visits and what costs they incurred, separately?

(b) If not, why?

4.

1201/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Trincomalee District by the year 1983 —

(i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed ;

(ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed ; and

(iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation ?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) separately on per year basis from year 1983 until the war situation had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and

(ii) separately on per year basis from the time the war situation ended until year 2015 the total amount of money the government had allocated for the restoration of irrigations systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?

(c) If not, why?

5.

1416/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the objectives of proposing to repeal the Exchange Control Act as per Proposal No. 199 of Budget 2016;

(ii) what main changes are included in the Exchange Management Act that is intended to be introduced so that the aforesaid objectives could be achieved;

(iii) whether the capital account of the Balance of Payment of Sri Lanka is intended to be opened through the Exchange Management Act; and

(iv) what South Asian countries including the SAARC region have opened the Capital Account of the Balance of Payment and what foreign cash flow trends were brought about by it in such countries?

(b) If not, why?

6.

1539/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of playgrounds that have been developed in Badulla district by now after this government of good governance came into power;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid grounds;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent for developing each playground mentioned above, separately;
 - (iv) the names and the addresses of the persons who obtained the contracts for developing the playgrounds concerned along with the amount of money paid by the Ministry to them, separately?
- (b) If not, why ?

7.

1615/17

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

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) a furnace-oil-run power plant is situated in Embilipitiya Divisional Secretariat Division in the Ratnapura District;
 - (ii) the aforesaid power plant causes a severe damage to the environment; and
 - (iii) issuing of the environmental protection license for this powerhouse is not taking place in a proper manner?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the name of the company to which the aforesaid power plant belong;
 - (ii) of the period of time for which the agreement has been entered into with the aforesaid company; and
 - (iii) whether an arrangement is in place to minimize the damage caused to the environment in order to provide relief to the residents of the aforesaid area?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

1632/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that special attention should be focused on the Demand Side Management of Electricity;
 - (ii) the programme implemented by the Ministry of Power and Renewable Energy in respect of the Demand Side Management of Electricity; and
 - (iii) the progress made hitherto by the said programme?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

1636/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the objective of establishing Lanka Coal Company (PVT) Ltd;
 - (ii) the total strength of the company to date;
 - (iii) of the Chairman and the Board of Directors of the aforesaid company;
 - (iv) of the salaries and all allowances obtained by the Chairman, the Board of Directors and the employees of aforesaid company, in the month of July 2016;
 - (v) whether the objectives of establishing aforesaid company, have been achieved; and
 - (vi) whether aforesaid company is capable of handling a serious business undertaking like purchasing coal?
- (b) If not why?

10.

1668/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of persons who died as a result of wild elephants entering villages in the Putlam District of the North-Western Province from year 2010 up to now;
 - (ii) of the names of persons who died in the above manner;
 - (iii) of the names of Divisional Secretariat Divisions and Grama Niladhari Divisions which are faced with the threat of wild elephants;
 - (iv) whether relief is granted through the Ministry to persons who were subjected to loss of life, houses and cultivations as a result of facing the above issue;
 - (v) if so, as to what those concessions are?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

1683/'17

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri,—To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Tiger terrorists launched a brutal attack in the Earvur Punnakuda fishing village in the Maunankudichchi Grama Niladhari division in Baticaloa district in which Mr. W. Harrison Fernando and other villagers lived and massacred a number of people in the year 1987;

(25)

- (ii) Mr. Fernando lost his place of business, vehicles and all other belongings in that attack;
 - (iii) even though the Rehabilitation of Persons, Properties and Industries Authority confirmed the relevant facts by its letter dated 14.03.1996 no relief has been granted to him and his family members for the damage they sustained?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether arrangements will be made to pay compensation to Mr. Harrison Fernando who is currently residing at Varunagama in Wellawaya in Moneragala district for the damage sustained by him;
 - (ii) if so, the date the compensation will be paid?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

1689/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) 14 families are still living in a highly vulnerable situation in the lower division of the Wogen estate in Mathugama after the land slide which occurred there in the year 2014;
 - (ii) the National Building Research Organization has instructed the management of the estate in June 2014 that the houses of the aforesaid people should be removed from that place;
 - (iii) providing optional lands has been delayed due to the clash between these people and the management over the allocation of optional lands; and
 - (iv) 21 families have been living in the Iluppuwatta division of the Delkith estate in Agalawatta for the last 2 years, in which a similar landslide risk is prevalent?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether steps will be taken to commence some housing project for the people who have undergone much strain and encountered threat to their lives as is mentioned above; and
 - (ii) if so, the current progress of it?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

1693/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyya,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total number of members of the Board of Directors of Development Lotteries Board including its Chairman;
 - (ii) the monthly salaries and the allowances of the Chairman and the Board of Directors separately;
 - (iii) the name of the Chairman of the Development Lotteries Board; and
 - (iv) the educational qualifications that he possesses to hold the aforesaid post?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

1694/17

Hon. Imran Maharroof,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the approved cadre of the Lanka Mineral Sands Limited in Pulmudei;
 - (ii) the number of employees in that company at present;
 - (iii) the profit earned by this company in the previous year;
 - (iv) the divisions that are operative under this company; and
 - (v) separately, the number of employees who are serving in each of the aforesaid divisions?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of newly recruited employees to the company; and
 - (ii) the scheme of recruitment that was followed to recruit those employees?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

1696/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the land and the house used by Mr. Rohana Wijeweera, which is situated in Ulapane area in Kandy District is used by the government for some activity at present;
 - (ii) if so, whether it is after paying some amount of money as compensation to his family or any other institution that the aforesaid land and the house have been acquired for an activity of the government;

(27)

- (iii) if so, the amount of compensation paid along with the date on which it was paid; and
 - (iv) if not, the basis on which the aforesaid land and the house have been acquired by the government along with the basis on which it is being used at present?
- (b) If not, why?

Friday, August 25, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

116/15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of the state universities in Sri Lanka in which bachelor's degree programmes are conducted for external students;
 - (ii) separately of the nature of degree programmes conducted by each of the aforesaid universities; and
 - (iii) separately of the number of students that have been registered with each of the aforesaid universities at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the dates on which students were registered for the last time for following external degree programmes in each of the aforesaid universities;
 - (ii) of the reasons as to why registration of students is not done at regular intervals; and
 - (iii) whether action has been taken to limit the number of external students that get registered for the bachelor's degrees?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1202/16

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

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

(28)

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

3.

1418/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the Foreign Direct Investments received by Sri Lanka for the fields of—
 - (i) oil refining;
 - (ii) renewable energy;
 - (iii) joint motor vehicle production;
 - (iv) steel bridge production for the region;
 - (v) fertilizer, Triple Superphosphate production;
 - (vi) satellite technology;
 - (vii) aircraft repair and supportive activities; and
 - (viii) joint sugar production;within 2015 and 2016 as indicated in budget proposal No. 198 of 2016?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the amount of foreign investments in Sri Lanka Government Securities as of 01.01.2015;
 - (ii) the amount of foreign investments in Government Securities as of 01.01.2017;
 - (iii) the International Credit Ratings awarded to Sri Lanka by Fitch Rating and Moody in the years, 2014,2015 and 2016?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

1511/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of road accidents reported within the year 2016 and the deaths occurred due to them;
 - (ii) the increase in road accidents reported within the year 2016 and the deaths occurred due to them in numbers, in comparison to years 2014 and 2015?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

1540/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he knows that the people living in the district of Badulla including the areas of Udaperuwa ,Arawatta ,Makul Ella , and Egodagama , who have undergone much agony as a result of the water sources being dried up due to the Uma Oya development project; and
 - (ii) the steps taken by the Ministry to provide drinking and other water facilities to the aforesaid people?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1620/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) he is aware that businessmen who own business premises in the Embilipitiya town have to pay taxes to the Department of Buddhist Affairs for their business premises;
 - (ii) such taxes are levied for the relevant plot of land or for the buildings constructed by businessmen with their own money;
 - (iii) he will submit the documents recommended by the Commissioner of Buddhist Affairs as to the levying of these taxes;
 - (iv) there is an order by the Commissioner of Buddhist Affairs that 25% of the proceedings from the sale of a business premises to another person shall be paid to the relevant temple;
 - (v) if so he will admit that a grave injustice is caused to them in selling their business premises together with large buildings constructed thereon with their own funds?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

1637/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to construct the renewable energy park in Poonerin area in Jaffna district;
 - (ii) the number of Mega Watts expected to be generated from that renewable energy park;
 - (iii) the amount of energy expected to be generated in that park using wind power;
 - (iv) the progress of that project?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1669/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the locations where refuse and garbage is dumped by the Local Authorities in the Putlam District which comes under the North-Western Province;
 - (ii) whether a project for the management of solid waste has been introduced to the above Local Authorities;
 - (iii) if so, of the facilities provided and financial allocations made to each of the above Local Authorities for the abovementioned project from year 2010 up to now;
- (b) If not, why?

9.

1684/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat in Ampara district was established;
 - (ii) whether he will Table a copy of the Gazette Notification pertaining to that;
 - (iii) the total extent of land being covered by that Divisional Secretariat;
 - (iv) the number of Grama Niladhari divisions in it;
 - (v) the numbers and names of those Grama Niladhari divisions?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a formal demarcation took place in establishing that Divisional Secretariat;
 - (ii) if so, its details?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the administrative activities and operations of a Grama Niladhari division/divisions out of the Grama Niladhari divisions coming under the purview of the said Divisional Secretariat are handled by some other Divisional Secretariats;
 - (ii) if so whether he will present the details of those Grama Niladhari divisions including their names and numbers?
- (d) If not, why?

10.

1690/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the knuckles range received world heritage status on condition from the United Nations Organization through the Gazette Notification No. 1130/22 dated 05.05.2000;
 - (ii) according to the main condition of the above conditions, an area with an extent of 2000 acres belonging to 8 Divisional Secretariat Divisions namely Minipe, Panvila, Pathadumbara, Laggala, Wilgamuwa, Rattota, Ukuwela and Matale in the close proximity to the knuckles range have not been amalgamated with it;
 - (iii) as a result, the knuckles range faces the threat of being delisted from world heritage status?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to amalgamate the above 2000 acres with the knuckles range in order to prevent it from being delisted from world heritage status;
 - (ii) if so, the current status of it;
- (c) If not, why?

11.

1697/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a contract or a letter of an agreement is available between the Google company and the government of Sri Lanka in regard to the “Google Loon” Project which was proposed to be implemented in Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) the basis on which the government decided to select the Google company for this ;
 - (iii) the facilities that the Sri Lankan government provided or agreed to provide for the aforesaid project ;
 - (iv) the amount spent by the Sri Lankan government for the aforesaid project ;
 - (v) the cause which effected the crash of the balloon launched into the sky by the Google company ;
 - (vi) whether a report has been issued having carried out an investigation in that regard ;
 - (vii) whether the Google company has stated that they have given up this project ;
 - (viii) if so , the financial and other losses that have been incurred as a result of the breach of the relevant contract or agreement ;
 - (ix) the person or persons on whom the responsibility of the aforesaid losses lies ?
- (b) If not , why ?

12.

118/15

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

- (a) Is he aware that –
 - (i) the required facilities to treat animals at Dehiwala Zoo are at a minimum level;
 - (ii) there is a shortage of veterinary surgeons;
 - (iii) several animals have died in this situation; and
 - (iv) several more animals are sick ?
- (b) Will he inform the type, age and the reason for the deaths of animals died during the period from 01.01.2013 to 30.06.2015 in the Dehiwala Zoo?
- (c) Will he also inform this House –
 - (i) the minimum number of veterinary surgeons that should be attached to the Dehiwala Zoo;
 - (ii) the number of veterinary surgeons serving at the Dehiwala Zoo presently; and
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken to improve the health of the animals at Dehiwala Zoo?
- (d) If not, why?

13.

1203/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Batticaloa District by year 1983—
 - (i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed;
 - (ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed ; and
 - (iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately on per year basis from year 1983 until the war situation had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and
 - (ii) separately on per year basis from the time the war situation ended until year 2015 the total amount of money the government had allocated by the government for the restoration of irrigation systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

1420/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the sketch of the digital identity card proposed to be introduced through proposal No.187 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) of the issuing authority of that identity card;
 - (iii) of the estimated cost of providing identity cards to the citizens;
 - (iv) by which party such cost would be borne; and
 - (v) of the amount allocated by the budget to implement the digital identity card scheme in 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

1512/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the total employment figure of the government and semi-government sectors as at 31.12.2016;
 - (ii) separately of the employment figures of the government sector and the semi-government sector as at 31.12.2016;
 - (iii) separately of the gender-wise breakdown of employment figures in the government sector and the semi-government sector as at 31.12.2016;
 - (iv) separately of the increase in employment figures of the government sector and the semi-government sector as at 31.12.2016 when compared with the employment figures of 31.12.2014 and 31.12.2015;
 - (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, September 06, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

119/15

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

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) the number of students whose studentship were cancelled, suspended attending from classes and court action were taken as disciplinary measures in each university separately during the period from 30.06.2013 to 30.06.2015;
 - (ii) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of each student according to the university separately; and
 - (iii) the reason for taking disciplinary action against each student separately?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) disciplinary action is not the solution for student struggles;
 - (ii) should attentively listen to the demands of the students;
 - (iii) facilities at universities should be upgraded; and
 - (iv) students' future employment prospects should be ensured?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken to minimize student struggles in universities;
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid measures are; and
 - (iii) whether student struggles have minimized as a result of those measures?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

1043/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of persons included in the delegation that joined the President to participate in the annual session of the General Assembly of the United Nations in 2016;
 - (ii) the names of the persons who joined the above tour and the basis on which they were included in the delegation separately; and
 - (iii) the total cost which the tour incurred on the Government, Public Corporations, Statutory Boards and Public Companies?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1622/'17

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

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) the Sevanagala Sugar Factory is crucial in meeting the sugar requirement of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) it has generated a large number of direct and indirect employment opportunities; and
 - (iii) farmers have taken to other cultivations without cultivating sugarcane in lands allocated to them in the area around the factory?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of hectares allocated to farmers for the cultivation of sugarcane in the area around the Sevanagala Sugar Factory;
 - (ii) the number of hectares currently being used for sugarcane cultivation;
 - (iii) whether he admits that the expected output cannot be procured as farmers resort to other cultivations day by day; and
 - (iv) if so, the measures taken to procure greater output from this factory?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

1639/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the total quantity of the coal supplied to the Ceylon Electricity Board by the firm named Noble Resources Limited from time to time;
 - (ii) the total amount of money that has been paid to the said coal company in payment of these quantities;
 - (iii) the duration for which the operation of the Norochcholai Coal Power Station was interrupted for failure on the part of the said company to supply coal in time; and
 - (iv) the loss caused to the Ceylon Electricity Board due to interruption of generators in this manner?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the local representatives separately in respect of tenders numbered LCC/09/T/02, LCC/01 and LCC/13T/01 obtained by the Noble Resources Limited; and
 - (ii) the reasons for awarding the supply of coal to the said company disregarding the procurement procedure?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

1642/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of temples located in the Uva Province and the number of Bhikkus living in them;
 - (ii) whether he admits that the temples system suffered a severe collapse due to action on the part of the imperialists; and
 - (iii) what steps to be taken to uplift the temples that had collapsed due to the severe injustice historically caused to the Uva Province?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1670/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately on the basis of designation, of the number of people working at the Marawila Hospital which is governed under the North-Western Provincial Council; and
 - (ii) of the action that will be taken by the Ministry to develop this hospital further;
- (b) If not, why?

7.

1685/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the Lahugala Divisional Secretariat Division in Ampara District was established;
 - (ii) whether a copy of the Gazette Notification issued in that regard will be Tabled in this House;
 - (iii) the total extent of land coming under the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (v) the names and numbers of the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Divisions?

(37)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official delimitation was carried out when establishing the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) if so, the details of it?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the administrative activities or management of the any Division/Divisions out of the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Divisions coming under the Divisional Secretariat mentioned above is carried out by some other Divisional Secretariats; and
 - (ii) if so, whether the information including the names, numbers of the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Divisions will be submitted?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

1691/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the farmers paid Rs. 150/- for paddy field insurance on each 50 kilogrammes pack of fertilizer when fertilizer was provided to farmers involved in paddy cultivation at concessionary rates during the previous government;
 - (ii) the farmers who subscribed to that scheme, received compensation easily when there were damages to crops;
 - (iii) the scheme of charging that insurance premium is not functional at present;
 - (iv) there have been delays in paying compensation to farmers when paddy cultivations were damaged owing to rapidly changing whether conditions experienced recently?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a system to pay compensation to farmers who get affected in the manner stated above;
 - (ii) whether there is a possibility of implementing a scheme similar to that of the paddy field insurance scheme that prevailed in the past?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, September 07, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

387/15

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

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

2.

952/16

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

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

(39)

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

3.

1101/'16

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

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

4.

1125/'16

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

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

(40)

- (ii) the names of the bus terminals which were developed;
- (iii) the amount of money spent on each bus terminal separately; and
- (iv) the other bus terminals in the Badulla district which are proposed to be included in the project?

(b) If not, why?

5.

1146/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

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

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether an official delimitation mission has taken place in establishing that Divisional Secretariat Division; and
- (ii) if so, what its details are?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether administration or other operations of any of the Grama Niladhari Divisions falling under the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned are currently handled by some other Divisional Secretariats; and
- (ii) if so, whether he will submit the names and official codes of such Grama Niladhari Divisions?

(d) If not, why?

6.

1153/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether the permission has been granted to implement a tourist bungalow project in the land called Baduwilla watta which is of 98 acres in extent that is situated in both Homagama and Bandaragama Pradeshiya Sabha areas;
- (ii) if so, of the name and the address of the company that implements aforesaid project;

(41)

- (iii) whether he is aware that a serious environmental damage is caused in the area due to aforesaid housing project;
- (iv) whether the approval of Board of Investments of Sri Lanka has been granted for this housing project; and
- (v) whether an environmental assessment report has been prepared in connection with aforesaid project?

(b) If not, why?

7.

1278/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

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

(b) If not, why?

8.

1350/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a policy decision has been taken to reduce the opportunities that existed for the Sri Lankan students to study for external degree courses;
- (ii) separately, the number of male and female students who have been approved to be enrolled for the external degree courses in 2016;
- (iii) separately, the number of students who passed the GCE(A/L) and got qualified for the University entrance in 2014, 2015 and 2016 and the number of students who were admitted to Universities;

(42)

- (iv) separately, the number of students who are studying in Foreign Universities that are functioning in Sri Lanka in 2014, 2015 and 2016 in respect of each year separately;
- (v) the degree courses followed by the students mentioned in above (iv) separately;
- (vi) the number of students who follow each of the aforesaid degree courses separately; and
- (vii) if answers are not given for the above (v) and (vi) the reason for that?

(b) If not, why?

9.

1360/16

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the students of the district of Rathnapura who have studied in the stream of Bio system technology and have obtained excellent results at the first shy sat for the G.C.E (A/L) examination in the year 2015 have not hither to been admitted to any university;
- (ii) although the University of Sabharagamuwa has been included in the university admission handbook provided to these children as the university from where the degree course relevant to the said stream can be followed, no student has been so far admitted to the said university as well; and
- (iii) as per the information received by these students, around 80-90 students with lower Z scores from districts with more facilities such as Colombo have got the opportunity to enter universities?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether it is admitted that no justice has been meted out although appeals have been sent to the President, Prime Minister, Minister and the University Grants Commission regarding this unfair situation faced by these students up to now;
- (ii) whether the necessary steps will be taken to admit the students mentioned in a(i) above to universities?

(c) If not, why?

10.

1388/16

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

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

11.

1506/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the private sector employment in terms of the number of active accounts of Employees Provident Fund as at 31.12.2016;
 - (ii) of the increase of employment as at 31. 12. 2016 relatively to 31. 12. 2014 and 31.12 .2015 ?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

1548/17

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

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

(44)

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

13.

1586/17

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

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

14.

1600/17

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

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

15.

1675/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the names of trainees who completed their training from Teachers Colleges of Batticaloa, Kopay and Kotagala in December 2008, posted to schools in Vanni district and requested to sit the final examination in April 2009, contradictory to the procedure of conducting the examination immediately after the training?
 - (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) those trainees were unable to come out of the district due to the climax of war in that district; and
 - (ii) they sat the examination along with their junior batch, answered the same question papers but different effective dates of certificate were given as 01.01.2011 for them, whilst 01.08.2009 was given for the junior batch?
 - (c) Will he also inform this House whether action will be taken to give same effective date of certificate as that of the junior batch?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Friday, September 08, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

892/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a survey has been carried out regarding the group of people called 'Wanni Sinhala' living in the Thula Welliya village of the Medawachchiya Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) of the other Grama Niladhari Divisions in which people belonging to the aforesaid group live, in addition to the Grama Niladhari Division mentioned above;
 - (iii) whether he admits that the basic amenities in the villages of these people who were subjected to various suffering during the war are minimal;
 - (iv) whether steps have been taken to provide those facilities expeditiously; and
 - (v) if so, what those steps are?

(46)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to improve the economic status of the aforesaid people;
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are;
 - (iii) whether steps have been taken to safeguard the traditional heritage of these people by the government; and
 - (iv) if so, what those steps are?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1215/'16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(3)

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

3.

1391/'16

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

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

4.

1468/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of projects that have been commenced by the Ministry for solid waste management from the year 2010 up to now;
 - (ii) the funds provided to each local authority to implement the aforesaid projects, separately;
 - (iii) the steps that have been taken in regard to the aforesaid projects from the year 2010 up to now;
 - (iv) the steps taken by the Ministry for e-waste management; and
 - (v) the steps expected to be taken in the future under this Government of Good Governance for solid waste management and e-waste management?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

1501/16

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,—To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the year in which the model village “Sameeragama“ of Mundalama Divisional Secretariat Division of Puttlam district was established;
 - (ii) of the total extent of lands, acquired by National Housing Development Authority for aforesaid purpose;
 - (iii) separately the number of families chosen as land beneficiaries, the number of permanent residents identified from them by now and the number of sub families;
 - (iv) whether a programme will be launched to grant blocks of lands to sub families identified from the residents for their permanent residential purposes; and
 - (v) whether measures will be taken to grant permanent deeds for land beneficiaries?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1513/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the number of foreigners who died in Sri Lanka in years 2014, 2015 and 2016; and
 - (ii) of the causes of the deaths of those foreigners;
- (b) If not, why?

7.

1545/17

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

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

8.

1549/17

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

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

9.

1575/17

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

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

10.

1581/17

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

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

11.

1587/17

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

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

12.

1589/17

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

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

13.

1596/17

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

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

14.

1616/17

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

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

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

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

1.

P.10/15

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.

2.

P.11/15

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

3.

P.12/15

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

4.

P. 13/15

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.

5.

P. 14/15

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

6.

P. 15/15

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

7.

P.16/15

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

8.

P.17/15

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

9.

P.18/15

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

10.

P.19/15

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.

11.

P.21/'15

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

12.

P.22/'15

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

13.

P.23/'15

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

14.

P.24/'15

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

15.

P.25/'15

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

16.

P.26/'15

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

17.

P.27/'15

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.

18.

P.28/'15

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

19.

P.29/'15

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

20.

P.30/'15

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

21.

P.31/'15

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

22.

P.32/'15

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

23.

P.33/'15

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.

24.

P.34/'15

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

25.

P.35/'15

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

26.

P.36/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Setting proper standards for vans transporting school children,— That this Parliament resolves that standards should be introduced for school vans in order to maintain a school van service with proper standards and to ensure the safety of school children who make use of this service, and a code of disciplinary rules should be introduced for maintaining good conduct among employees of school vans since school van services operated throughout the island do not meet the required standards and the conduct of some employees of school vans is not at a satisfactory level.

27.

P.37/'15

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

28.

P.38/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Creating a digital library to protect the traditional heritage of Sri Lankan people,— That this Parliament resolves that a modern library making use of digital technology be set up for all sectors including the environment, indigenous medicine, agriculture and traditional industries, as an extensive national programme has become necessary to protect and nurture the traditional knowledge of

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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.

29.

P.39/'15

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.

30.

P.40/'15

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

31.

P.41/'15

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

32.

P.42/'15

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

33.

P.43/15

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

34.

P.44/15

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

35.

P.45/15

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

36.

P.46/15

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

37.

P.47/15

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

38.

P.48/15

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

39.

P.49/'15

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

40.

P.50/'15

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.

41.

P.51/'15

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

42.

P.52/'15

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

43.

P.53/'15

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

44.

P.54/'15

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

45.

P.55/'15

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

46.

P.56/'15

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

47.

P.57/'15

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

48.

P.58/'15

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

49.

P.59/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing LED bulbs to consumers at a concessionary price,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic program should be formulated to provide LED bulbs to consumers at a concessionary price and on an instalment based payment system with the intervention of the Electricity Board so that a large amount of

electricity could be saved and an extra income could also be earned by the Electricity Board by making LED bulbs popular among people as qualitative LED bulbs which are used to light up houses are expensive.

50.

P.60/'15

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

51.

P.61/'15

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

52.

P.62/'15

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

53.

P.63/'15

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

54.

P.64/'15

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

55.

P.65/15

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

56.

P.66/15

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

57.

P.67/15

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

58.

P.68/15

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

59.

P.69/15

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

60.

P.70/15

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.

61.

P.71/15

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

62.

P.72/15

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

63.

P.73/15

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

64.

P.74/15

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

65.

P.76/15

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

66.

P.77/15

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

67.

P.78/'15

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

68.

P.79/'15

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

69.

P.80/'15

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.

70.

P.81/'15

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

71.

P.82/'15

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

72.

P.83/'15

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.

73.

P.84/15

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.

74.

P.85/15

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

75.

P.86/15

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

76.

P.87/15

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

77.

P.88/15

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

78.

P.89/15

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

79.

P.90/'15

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

80.

P.91/'15

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

81.

P.92/'15

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

82.

P.93/'15

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

83.

P.94/'15

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

84.

P.95/'15

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

85.

P.96/'15

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

86.

P. 97/'15

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

87.

P. 98/'15

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

88.

P. 99/'15

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

89.

P. 100/'15

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

90.

P. 101/'15

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

91.

P. 102/'15

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

92.

P. 103/'15

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

93.

P. 104/'15

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

94.

P. 105/'15

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

95.

P. 106/'15

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

96.

P. 107/'15

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

97.

P.108/'15

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

98.

P. 109/'15

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

99.

P. 110/'15

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

100.

P.111/'15

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

101.

P.112/'15

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

102.

P.113/'15

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

103.

P.114/'15

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

104.

P.115/'15

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

105.

P.116/'15

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

106.

P.117/'15

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

107.

P.118/'15

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

108.

P.119/'15

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

109.

P.120/'15

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

110.

P.121/'15

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

111.

P.122/'15

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

112.

P.123/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Studying the impact of the activities of various religious groups on the society,— That this Parliament resolves that a committee consisting of recognized religious leaders and scholars be appointed to carry out an examination into the activities of various groups, that have been integrated into society pretending to have organized for religious or other purposes and are integrating their own definitions and clarifications into society in the guise of sub divisions of mainstream religions

while criticizing the ideologies of those religions and spreading new ideologies for mobilizing persons who support those ideologies, and to provide an assessment of their ideologies, activities and the impact exerted on society by such groups and implement the recommendations of that committee.

113.

P.124/'15

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

114.

P.125/'15

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

115.

P.126/'15

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

116.

P.127/'15

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

117.

P.128/'15

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

118.

P.129/'15

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

119.

P.130/'15

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

120.

P.131/'15

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

121.

P.132/'15

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

122.

P. 133/'15

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

123.

P.134/'15

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

124.

P.135/'15

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

125.

P.136/'15

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

126.

P.137/'15

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

127.

P.138/'15

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

128.

P.139/'15

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

129.

P.140/'15

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

130.

P.156/'15

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

131.

P.157/'15

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

132.

P.158/'15

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

133.

P.159/'15

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

134.

P.160/'15

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

135.

P.169/16

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

136.

P.183/16

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

137.

P.184/16

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

138.

P. 185/16

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

139.

P.191/17

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

140.

P.192/17

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

141.

P.193/17

Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— Implementation of existing laws in order to stop ragging that is presently taking place in all universities,— That this Parliament resolves that, in order to completely prevent ragging that new students have to experience within or outside universities, law should be implemented in terms of Prohibition of Ragging and Other Forms of Violence in Educational Institutions Act, No. 20 of 1998 against those who engage in ragging.

142.

P.194/17

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

143.

P.195/17

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.

Tuesday, September 19, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

893/16

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) Sinhala and Tamil communities living in the village of Panama in the Eastern Province live in absolute harmony; and
- (ii) the aforementioned people have to face a number of issues when getting their basic requirements fulfilled?

(78)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to resolve water and land related issues faced by people of the Panama area; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps that have been taken?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether state patronage has been extended so that the aforesaid people are able to live safeguarding their cultural identity and traditional heritage; and
 - (ii) if so, the manner in which it has been done?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

1270/16

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

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

3.

1351/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the total extent of lands belonging to the Department of Railways in each town?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House separately in terms of—
 - (i) the area;
 - (ii) the relevant geographical domain;
 - (iii) the relevant basis of granting; and
 - (iv) The date from which the Department of Railways has given up use of;
- the extents of lands, out of the total extent of lands referred to in (i) above, that are presently not in use by the Department of Railways due to being given on rent or lease basis?

(79)

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

4.

1407/16

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

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

5.

1467/16

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

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

6.

1514/17

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

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

7.

1571/17

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

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

8.

1579/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that steps were taken by the previous government to construct the Broadland hydro power plant in Kalukohutenna, Kithulgala with Chinese aid; and

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- (ii) whether he admits that while pledges were made to pay suitable compensation for the lands of the residents of the aforesaid village that were taken over by the government for the said project, residents of Kegalle district have been paid a paltry sum as compensation even though compensation was paid to residents of Nuwara Eliya district?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether he would look into this and take steps to pay sufficient compensation to residents of Kegalle district as well?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

1590/17

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

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

10.

1617/'17

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

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

11.

1631/'17

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

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

12.

1638/'17

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

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

13.

1687/17

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

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

14.

1698/17

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

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

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

15.

1703/17

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

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

Wednesday, September 20, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

120/15

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

- (a) Will he admit that —
- (i) there is a greater tendency of Sri Lankans contracting cancer;
 - (ii) a proper procedure has not been implemented so far to control this situation; and
 - (iii) the country is losing its human resource and the finances due to this reason?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the types of cancers that are commonly found in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) separately of the main factors that causes of each of those diseases;
 - (iii) whether action has been taken to control such factors; and
 - (iv) if so, in what way has such action been taken?

- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the amount of money that was spent by the government annually on giving treatment to cancer patients during the period of last 05 years; and
 - (ii) separately of the amount of money that was spent by the government annually on cancer prevention programmes during the period of last 05 years?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

1112/16

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

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

3.

1204/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Ampara District by the year 1983 —
 - (i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed;
 - (ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed; and
 - (iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately on per year basis from year 1983 until the war situation had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and
 - (ii) separately on per year basis from the time the war situation ended until year 2015 the total amount of money the government had allocated for the restoration of irrigation systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

1374/16

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

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

5.

1515/17

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

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

6.

1572/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of Zonal Directors of Education with their grade in the Eastern Province; and
 - (ii) out of the names mentioned (i) above, names of Zonal Directors of Education who are working on permanent, acting and cover-up duties basis?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) when there are class-II officers in Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service be eligible for acting appointment, the junior officers are appointed on covering up duties; and
 - (ii) a(i) above is contrary to the minutes of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1928/28 dated 21.08.2015?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to rectify this irregularity; and
 - (ii) If so, when?
- (d) If not, why?

7.

1591/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is admitted that the persons who lose their property are severely inconvenienced owing to the preparation of a new plan having altered the initial plan of proposed Kurunegala-Habarana Railway line subsequent to a period of ten years after the preparation of the initial plan;
 - (ii) whether it is admitted that people protest against the alteration of this plan;
 - (iii) separately of the amount of money that has been proposed for construction and compensation;
 - (iv) of the institutions by which these funds are provided and the basis for such provisions;
 - (v) of the purpose of the already available railway track from Kurunegala to Habarana via Mahawa once this railway line is constructed;
 - (vi) of the benefits of the proposed railway line;
 - (vii) whether it is possible to be satisfied about the comparative benefits of the massive investment made on the proposed railway line which is going to be constructed amidst the availability of an alternative railway line to Habarana and further, in a situation where an expressway is also being constructed via Kurunegala?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1618/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) it is admitted that there is a teacher shortage in the schools of Sabaragamuwa Province;
 - (ii) if so, number of teacher vacancies according to each subject separately;
 - (iii) expedited future measures that will be taken to fill the teacher vacancies; and

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(iv) it is admitted that teacher transfer procedure applicable for provincial schools is not implemented properly in Sabaragamuwa Province?

(b) If not, why?

9.

1688/'17

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

(a) Is he aware that—

(i) a memorandum of understanding was signed on 02.05.2006 to construct a model village in Norochhole area out of the financial aid of the government of Saudi Arabia to provide houses to the people in the coastal area in the Eastern Province, whose houses were destroyed by the tsunami disaster that occurred in the year 2004 ;

(ii) accordingly, the aforesaid model village of 500 houses was constructed with all the other facilities; and

(iii) the houses of the aforesaid model village have not yet been provided to the people affected by the disaster and a situation in which aforesaid area has been covered by a thick jungle can be seen at present?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether steps will be taken to provide the aforesaid houses to the relevant people in accordance with the objective of constructing them;

(ii) whether financial aid will be provided to renovate the aforesaid houses again as there has arisen a requirement for it as per the current situation?

(c) If not, why?

10.

1699/'17

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

(a) Will he inform this House,—

(i) whether he admits the fact that the government has taken a policy decision to grant title deeds to the persons who have resided in Mahaweli lands for a period of more than 10 years;

(ii) if so, the action taken by the government to implement the aforesaid policy;

(iii) the number of allotments of land for which title deeds were granted after 08.01.2015;

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- (iv) the number of allotments of land, which have been identified by now in each Divisional Secretariat Division in each District, to grant title deeds, separately;
- (v) the number of allotments of land in each Divisional Secretariat Division in each District, for which plans have been prepared by the government, out of the allotments of land mentioned in (iv) above;
- (vi) whether he admits the fact that there is a huge delay in the implementation of the aforesaid project which is highly important to the national economy; and
- (vii) if so, the steps that will be taken to make aforesaid programme of work successful?

(b) If not, why?

11.

1701/17

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

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

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether it is admitted that the essential expenditure of a family which consists of two children (04 including the parents) is above Rs.41000/= as per the statistics of the Department of Census and Statistics;
- (ii) whether the permanent monthly income of a family which is empowered and deprived of the Samurdhi allowance should be at a level of 41000/=
- (iii) if so, whether the empowered families are defined as families with a permanent monthly income of more than Rs.41000/=?

(c) If not, why?

12.

1704/17

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

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

13.

1706/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Rs.1900/= was received monthly by certain low income earners as the Senior Citizen Allowance;
 - (ii) this amount was a great help for the low income earners without any other source of income or support from their children, to meet their day to day needs;
 - (iii) they appreciated this allowance as a token of gratitude extended to them by the government in their old age?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) during this period when cost of living is escalating, provision of this allowance to certain senior citizens has been stopped;
 - (ii) though the parents were entitled to this allowance despite even a single child being in government service provided that child was married and resided at a separate place, payment of this allowance to such persons too has been stopped recently;
 - (iii) it is a severe injustice to stop the payment of this allowance to senior citizens who live by themselves?

- (c) Will he inform this House whether steps would be taken to pay the said allowance to senior citizens for whom such payment has been stopped?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

1724/17

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

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

15.

1736/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the primary section of the Kakunagolla Muslim Central College in the Giriulla Educational Zone in Kurunegala District was removed under the programme of developing 1000 secondary schools;
 - (ii) the grade one classes of the aforesaid catchment area are conducted in a temporary building in the land which belongs to the Jumma mosque in Kekeunagolla from the year 2015;
 - (iii) any of the human and physical resources including a sufficient number of teachers, class room facilities, furniture, a children's park, a protective fence and toilet facilities have not been provided to the aforesaid school in which more than 200 students learn in several parallel classes in the primary section?
 - (b) Will he state whether the aforesaid requirements will be fulfilled without delay for the benefit of all the students that study in the aforesaid school?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, September 21, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1087/16

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

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

2.

1205/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Puttlam District by the year 1983 —
 - (i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed;
 - (ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed; and
 - (iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately on per year basis from year 1983 until the war situation had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and
 - (ii) separately on per year basis from the time the war situation ended until year 2015 the total amount of money the government had allocated for the restoration of irrigation systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1376/16

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

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

4.

1469/16

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

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

5.

1516/17

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

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

6.

1619/17

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

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

7.

1680/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Divisional hospitals at Mankerny, Mahiloor, Mancholai, Unnichchai, Kathiravelly, Mandoor and Mahilawattawan in Batticaloa District are temporarily closed for want of Medical officers;
 - (ii) the buildings exist with other facilities and name boards;
 - (iii) patients in these areas are undergoing immense hardships by travelling for medical treatments, which are poor facilities; and
 - (iv) the concept of providing free medical services for the poor village patients is not fulfilled?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to re-open these Hospitals and to provide at least two medical officers; and
 - (ii) of the date that these hospitals will be reopened to function?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

1692/'17

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there is a housing scheme for Sri Lankan fishermen with the assistance of the Korean National Fisheries Solidarity Federation;
- (ii) whether that housing scheme is implemented throughout the Island;
- (iii) whether houses would be constructed for the fishermen in the Northern and Eastern Provinces of the country who were severely affected by the war as well as natural disasters, under this scheme;
- (iv) if so, the number of houses that would be constructed, the areas and the dates of construction?

(b) If not, why?

9.

1700/'17

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

(a) Will he inform this House,—

- (i) whether the 370 acre land which belongs to the Land Reform Commission, situated in Punnakuda village in Eravur area in Wekaladi Divisional Secretariat Division in Batticaloa District has been kept for a long period of time without being utilized for any development activity, any construction work or as an unoccupied land;
- (ii) whether this land has been identified with the knowledge of the Divisional Secretary to set up an industrial zone;
- (iii) Accordingly, whether a request has been made from the Land Reform Commission to legally convey this land to the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka to establish an Industrial Zone;
- (iv) whether the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka has assigned to Lanka Hydraulic Institution the task of conducting the preliminary study requires to establish an investment zone in the aforesaid land, at a cost of 38 million rupees;
- (v) whether a group of persons have cut down palmyrah trees in the aforesaid land and have started to construct permanent buildings by now having erected fences without obtaining permission; and
- (vi) the reason for not taking action by the relevant authorities to remove the unauthorized constructions?

(b) If not, why?

10.

1702/17

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

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

11.

1705/17

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

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

12.

1713/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the lands owned by Mr. T.N. Ameer at No. 3/19, Nagarasaba Nivasa road and other 68 persons, who faced the Tsunami catastrophe on 26.12.2004, were acquired on 17.03.2010 to construct a coastal park; and
 - (ii) the above mentioned people have not been paid compensation for the acquired lands up to now?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to pay compensation for these people; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

1749/17

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

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

14.

1773/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether promotions have been given contravening the approval of the Public Services Commission with relevance to the promotion of officers to the special grade as per the Sri Lanka Accountant's Service Minutes published by Gazette Extraordinary No.1670/33 dated 10.09.2010;
 - (ii) whether a request has been made by the Secretary to the Ministry of Finance regarding the provision of special grade promotions to officers without post graduate qualifications;
 - (iii) if so, of the aforesaid period;

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- (iv) whether the Public Services Commission has provided the approval required;
 - (v) whether 82 officers have been called for the said interview;
 - (vi) whether a register including the names of officers who belonged to the particular period approved by the Public Services Commission, and another including the names of those who do not belong to the particular period, will be submitted;
 - (vii) whether these officers have been promoted to the special grade;
 - (viii) if so, of the effective date of the said promotions;
 - (ix) of the officers who should be held responsible if promotions have been given contravening the regulations stipulated by the Public Services Commission;
 - (x) of the steps that will be taken regarding these officers;
 - (xi) of the steps that will be taken on behalf of the officers who were subjected to injustice due to not been promoted?
- (b) If not, why?
- 15.

1776/17

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

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

Friday, September 22, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

121/15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lanka Tourism Board approved hotels available in Sri Lanka by the year 2015; and
 - (ii) separately of the number of rooms available in each of those hotels?

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

2.

465/16

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

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

3.

1019/16

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

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

4.

1216/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

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

5.

1378/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) in terms of Budget proposal No. 132 of budget 2016 , whether he accepts the fact that Rs. 1000 Million has been allocated to construct three massive warehouses in Polonnaruwa, Kilinochchi, Rathnapura and Embilipitiya districts and to complete the construction of a ware house that is being constructed in Mannar district;
 - (ii) whether the original cost estimate and the current progress report on the warehouse that is being constructed in Mannar district, will be submitted?
 - (iii) of the progress made at the constructions of three warehouse complexes in Kilinochchi, Embilipitiya and Polonnaruwa; and
 - (iv) of the manner in which Rs. 1000 millions that was allocated for the proposal No. 132 of budget 2015, was spent ?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1621/17

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

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

7.

1643/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in each year —
 - (i) what amount was provided as allocations by the Central Government to the Uva Provincial Council;
 - (ii) what percentage of such total provision was allotted by the Uva Provincial Council as Recurrent Expenditure;
 - (iii) what activities have been carried out under Recurrent Expenditure;
 - (iv) what percentage of the total provision was allotted by the Uva Provincial Council as Capital Expenditure;
 - (v) what activities have been carried out under Capital Expenditure? after the present Good Governance government come to power and up to now?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1708/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether he admits that the activities at Ratmalana air port are disrupted by the Fly Past Celebration of Sri Lanka Air Force;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that aircraft movements in the eastern side of Katunayaka air port are also disrupted?
 - (iii) whether he admits that air passengers too departing for foreign countries and arriving in this country often have to face inconveniences due to this celebration?

- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the amount spent by the government on this celebration; and
 - (ii) the manner in which those funds have been obtained?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

1726/17

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

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

10.

1727/17

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

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

11.

1750/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of television channels in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) separately, the institutions that run those TV stations;
 - (iii) the names of the owners of those TV stations and the dates on which each TV stations have been started;

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

12.

1774/17

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

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

13.

1777/17

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

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

14.

1787/17

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

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

15.

1797/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether officers recruited to the Special Police Reserve in 1996 were absorbed into the regular service in 2006 by the previous government;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of officers who were thus absorbed into the regular service;
 - (iii) whether the officers who were thus absorbed into the regular service are entitled to service privileges as appropriate from year 1996 onwards;
 - (iv) if not, whether he admits that disregarding the 10 year period from the date they were recruited to the date they were attached to the regular service when granting service privileges renders a grave injustice to them?
- (b) If not, why?
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Tuesday, October 03, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

124/15

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

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

2.

1217/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of government institutions in the Puttalam district;
 - (ii) the number of government institutions that were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after 1983;
 - (iii) whether a government approved valuation has been done on the destroyed property;
 - (iv) if so, the total value of the said property;
 - (v) whether legal action has been taken against the terrorists who were responsible for the said destruction;

- (vi) if so, what those steps are; and
- (vii) whether a comprehensive report with regard to the facts that have been questioned in above (i) to (vi) will be submitted?

(b) If not, why?

3.

1294/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of persons who are residing in or cultivating the state lands in the Matara District without any lawful right as at present;
- (ii) of the breakdown of the aforesaid figure on per Divisional Secretariat Division basis;
- (iii) out of the number of persons mentioned in (i) above, of the number of those for whom action has been taken to provide deeds or permits;
- (iv) of the breakdown of the figure referred to in (iii) above on per Divisional Secretariat Division basis;
- (v) of the total number of deeds or permits that have been awarded for state lands in the Matara District during the years 2014 and 2015; and
- (vi) of the breakdown of the figure referred to in (v) above on per Divisional Secretariat Division basis?

(b) If not, why?

4.

1385/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

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

(b) If not, why?

5.

1470/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. was established;
 - (ii) of the initial objectives of the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.;
 - (iii) separately of the names, addresses and educational qualifications of the persons who were members of the Board of Directors of Mihin Lanka from its establishment to its last Board of Directors along with salaries and other benefits received by them;
 - (iv) separately of the annual loss incurred by the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. from its beginning;
 - (v) of the names of government institutions from which loans were obtained by Mihin Lanka and the names of government institutions to which Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. is to settle loans along with the amounts obtained as loans; and
 - (vi) of the steps that will be taken by the government regarding the future of the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1623/17

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

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

7.

1709/17

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

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

8.

1725/17

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

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

9.

1751/17

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

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

10.

1788/17

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

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

11.

1798/17

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

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

12.

1812/17

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

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

13.

1815/17

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

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

14.

1865/17

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

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

15.

1869/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of the staff serving at the Financial Crimes Investigation Division (F.C.I.D.) set up on 26.02.2015;
 - (ii) of the positions there that are relevant to the staff grade;
 - (iii) whether a document containing the names and addresses of the officers appointed to those posts and the total salary paid to each including the allowances and special allowances paid in addition separately will be submitted?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of officers who were sent on foreign tours for investigations from 26.02.2015 up to now, the number of countries they have visited, the names of the countries and the amount spent on those visits; and
 - (ii) whether a document containing the names and addresses of the officers who participated in foreign visits for that, the countries visited and the amount spent on those visits separately will be submitted?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, October 04, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

135/15

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

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

2.

1219/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

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

3.

1386/16

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

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

4.

1471/16

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

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

5.

1624/17

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

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

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

6.

1710/17

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

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

7.

1754/17

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

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

8.

1799/17

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

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

Friday, October 06, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1187/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, in respect of the Manner District—
 - (i) of the extent of agricultural land that was under cultivation by the year 1983;
 - (ii) of the extents of land cultivated in the years 1982 and 1983, separately in respect of each crop in each year;
 - (iii) of the total extent of cultivated land in each year after 1983 up until the end of the war situation in 2009, separately;
 - (iv) of the total extent of cultivated agricultural land after the end of the war situation up until now in each year, separately; and
 - (v) whether he will table a full report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

1330/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which LTL Projects Company was established as a subsidiary of Lanka Transformers Limited (LTL);
 - (ii) whether LTL possesses 100% of the ownership of LTL Projects Company;
 - (iii) of the names of the present owners of the LTL Projects Company;
 - (iv) whether LTL possesses shares of LTL Projects Company at present; and
 - (v) of the names of the persons who granted the right to alienate or transfer the number of shares of LTL Projects Company that belonged to LTL Company?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that LTL Projects (Pvt.) Ltd, the subsidiary of LTL Company, has not been included in the audit reports after 2006 due to which government has not received dividends from that company; and
 - (ii) whether an investigation will be carried out into this and whether action will be taken to recover from the aforesaid company the amount that government has lost since 2006 to date?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1404/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amount of money utilized in 2016 out of the allocation of Rs. 4000 million allocated to be used within three years for devising a target solution for the human-elephant conflict as per proposal No. 175 of the Budget 2016 and its progress?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the Ministries and institutions responsible for implementing the above budget proposal;
 - (ii) the number of deaths and damages to property owing to human-elephant conflict reported from 1977 up to now in relation to each year;

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- (iii) whether compensation was paid by the government to the parties of persons who died of the human-elephant conflict in each of the above years;
- (iv) if so, the amount of compensation in relation to each year; and
- (v) whether he explains the expected target solution for human-elephant conflict mentioned in the above budget proposal?

(c) If not, why?

4.

1473/'16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Regional Media Journalists' Organizations that display an active contribution to development drive of the country, which is in operation in the country at present;
- (ii) of the names of such media organizations and the journalists who are office-bearers in them; and
- (iii) what steps have been taken to enhance their living conditions as well as advancement of professional career?

(b) If not, why?

5.

1497/'16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that there is a need to digitalize cinema halls in Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) if so, of the reason why the government is not intervening in the matter of digitalizing cinema halls in Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

6.

1499/'16

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the approval of the Quasi Judges should be obtained when the marriages are contracted with respect to the Muslim girls below the age of 12, in terms of section 23 of Muslim Marriages and Divorce Act;

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- (ii) accordingly, whether the reports exist to prove the fact that the approval of Quazi Judges have been granted in contracting marriages with respect to the Muslim girls below the age of 12; and
- (iii) if so, in terms of aforesaid Act, from year 2010 to date, of the number of approvals granted and details on such approvals, separately, in terms of each district?

(b) If not, why?

7.

1504/'17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) market prices of different types of fertilizers used for paddy cultivation and other crops during first half of year 2016 and now in the year 2017 separately;
- (ii) whether it is admitted that fertilizer prices have been increased in comparison to the fertilizer prices at the beginning of year 2016;
- (iii) whether the price of a 50 kg fertilizer pack which was at Rs.1300/- at the beginning of year 2016 has gone up to Rs.2900/- by now;
- (iv) whether it is admitted that the public life depended on agriculture including plantations will face an immense setback if fertilizer prices are not controlled or the fertilizer subsidy is not increased in accordance with market prices; and
- (v) if so, what the proposed solutions are?

(b) If not, why?

8.

1508/'17

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) the value of All Share Price Index by 31.12.2016;
- (ii) from which percentage the All Share Price Index has changed by 31.12.2016 in comparison to 31.12.2014 and 31.12.2015; and
- (iii) the value of net foreign purchases within the year 2016?

(b) If not, why?

9.

1625/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) a large number of rural schools have faced the threat of closure as a result of the efforts taken to admit students to the popular schools within the school system in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of schools that have less than 50 students; and
 - (iii) the number mentions in (ii) above in respect of each district separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Kompitiya Vidyalaya in Godakawela Zone in Ambilipitiya Education Zone in the district of Rathnapura has already been closed ;
 - (ii) the Provincial Education Department or other relevant institutions have not been informed of the closure of this school;
 - (iii) if so, whether he admits that the Principal, the Zonal and Divisional Directors of Education are responsible for the closure of the school and distribution of the goods that belong to the school at their discretion; and
 - (iv) the steps that will be taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

1728/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the names of the members of the Mahapola Trust Fund;
 - (ii) their appointing authority;
 - (iii) separately, the monies received by this Fund from the year 2010 to year 2017 and the funding sources by the year;
 - (iv) separately, the recurrent expenditure of the Mahapola Trust Fund in respect of each year from the year 2010 to year 2017; and
 - (v) the payments made by the Mahapola Trust Fund for paying scholarships and non-recurrent purposes separately in respect of each year and purpose from the year 2005 to year 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

1743/'17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,—To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that an interview was conducted by the Department of Prisons in the year 2016 in view of making recruitments for the post of Jailors ;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of applicants selected for the relevant posts on the basis of the results of interviews conducted from 19.10.2016 to 27.10.2016 and the structured interview conducted from 03.11.2016 to 12.11.2016
 - (iii) as to why the process of recruitment was postponed in spite of the fact that the qualified applicants have been informed by the Department of Prisons that the recruitments have been made for the said posts and asking them to sign the particular contracts on 24.11.2016; and
 - (iv) of the reason for not hitherto making the appointments thus postponed?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) as to why letters of contract have been provided to the qualified appointees putting them into further difficulty, in spite of the prevalence of the problematic condition obstructing this process,;
 - (ii) whether it is admitted that the qualified appointees have been subjected to severe difficulty owing to not giving the appointments ;
 - (iii) if so, whether measures will be taken to make the appointments once again; and
 - (iv) if so, of the date on which it will be done ?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

1744/'17

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately in respect of each of the years 2015, 2016 and 2017—
 - (i) the amounts of foreign investments received; and
 - (ii) the amounts of foreign investments which had existed in the preceding years and have been removed?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

1752/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether railway carriages belonging to Sri Lanka Railways have been granted for use of private institutions; and
 - (ii) if so, the duration, basis, recipient institutions and criteria in respect of such granting and the scheduled trains to which they are attached and the number of carriages attached to each such train, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether all the moneys due towards the Sri Lanka Railways have been obtained from the institutions to which these carriages have been granted;
 - (ii) what institutions are in arrear in payments; and
 - (iii) what amounts are due from the respective institutions, separately?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether a loss has been caused to Sri Lanka Railways due to this grant of the use of railway carriages;
 - (ii) if so, what the total loss is; and
 - (iii) whether he will act to recover that loss to Sri Lanka Railways expeditiously?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

1778/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the facts that will be taken into account when establishing the proposed new Local Authorities in the Putlam District; and
 - (ii) of the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions and Grama Niladhari Divisions that will come under the aforementioned Local Authorities?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

1811/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of students studying in the Tamil Medium at schools in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of teachers teaching at Tamil medium schools; and
 - (iii) of the number vacancies for Tamil medium teachers presently existing at schools?

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) as to why action is not taken to give a training to those who have passed the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination in the Tamil medium and recruit them as Tamil medium teachers;
 - (ii) whether it has been planned to bring teachers from foreign countries in order to fill the vacancies currently existing in Sri Lanka for Tamil medium teachers; and
 - (iii) if so, whether he would admit that such action causes a great injustice for those who have completed higher studies in the Tamil medium?
- (c) If not, why?
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Tuesday, October 17, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1220/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

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

2.

1331/16

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

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the number of subsidiaries owned by LTL Holdings (Pvt.) Ltd and their names;
 - (ii) the methodology followed to establish those subsidiaries;
 - (iii) duties carried out by each subsidiary separately ?

- (b) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) percentage of the profit received by Ceylon Electricity Board from the revenue of aforesaid companies, as a breakdown of each company separately;
 - (ii) whether he accepts this profit share is not correct;
 - (iii) If so, measure will be taken to rectify it ?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1406/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) as per proposal No. 185 of the 2016 budget, separately the names of State Universities to which Wi-Fi facilities were extended and the dates on which the students of those universities started enjoying such facilities;
 - (ii) the total cost incurred by the government for the provision of the above digitalization facilities within the state university system;
 - (iii) the Ministry or the institution to which it was charged;
 - (iv) whether the government has a specific programme regarding the provision of laptop computers to all students studying in the State University System; and
 - (v) if so, what that programme is?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1477/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) what Departments, Corporations, Boards and Statutory Institutions belong to the Ministry of City Planning and Water Supply;
 - (ii) of the number of employees that have been recruited to each such institution after the present Good Governance Government came to power in 2015;
 - (iii) of the names, addresses and educational qualifications of the persons who were so recruited and the post to which each person was recruited; and
 - (iv) what methodology was followed in recruiting them?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

1729/'17

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there is a programme to grant full or semi scholarships through the President's Fund to Sri Lankans for local or foreign academic purposes;
- (ii) if so, the basis and the methodology for the selection of suitable persons for scholarships as per the said programme;
- (iii) whether there is a system to award scholarships for students securing the highest marks at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination;
- (iv) whether there is a system to award scholarships to graduates for postgraduate studies;
- (v) whether there is a system to award local or foreign scholarships except in (iii) and (iv) above;
- (vi) if so, what that system is;
- (vii) separately the names of persons who received scholarships outside the systems indicated in (iii) and (iv) above, the amount of money, institution and if a foreign country the name of same in respect of each year from the year 2005 to year 2017?

(b) If not, why?

6.

1730/'17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a Contributory Pension Scheme is now in operation for artistes in the evening of life as proposed in the 2016 budget;
- (ii) if so, the number of artistes subscribed thereto;
- (iii) the allocation made by the government for that purpose in the years 2016 and 2017, separately in respect of each year?

(b) If not, why?

7.

1735/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money drawn from the foreign reserves of the country annually for the education of Sri Lankan students in foreign universities ;
 - (ii) the amount of money drawn from the reserves of Sri Lanka for persons who make personal tours in foreign countries ;
 - (iii) the amount of foreign exchange which is not received, out of the amount of foreign exchange that is due to Sri Lanka for the goods exported or services provided by it?
- (b) If not , why ?

8.

1753/17

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,—To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how many fuel filling stations are in operation throughout the island at present;
 - (ii) how many of them belong to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and how many belong to private institutions, separately;
 - (iii) the places where fuel filling stations belonging to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation are located; and
 - (iv) the names of the persons who operate the filling stations referred to in (iii) above at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) where the fuel filling stations belonging to private institutions are located;
 - (ii) who own them;
 - (iii) whether he admits that such fuel filling stations are not properly regulated;
 - (iv) if so, whether he will formulate a methodology to regulate such fuel filling stations; and
 - (v) if so, how?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

1779/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of preschools run in the Putlam District under the North-Western Provincial Council;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforementioned preschools;
 - (iii) whether information on the assistance provided to each of the aforementioned preschools from year 2010 will be submitted; and
 - (iv) of the steps already taken and steps that will be taken to improve and regulate the preschools of the area by the Provincial Council?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

1789/17

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

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

11.

1852/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyya,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he accepts the fact that the Public Service Commission adopts a formal recruitment procedure in recruiting Grama Niladharies;
 - (ii) whether measures are being taken to recruit retired Grama Niladharies on contract basis despite the fact that the results of an examination of the Department of Examination to recruit new Grama Niladharies, are about to be issued; and

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- (iii) if so, whether he accepts the fact that aforesaid situation causes a severe injustice on the applicants who appeared for the aforesaid competitive examination?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the measures that have been taken, if the new recruitments are to be made on contract basis?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

1854/17

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the development programmes intended for Colombo Divisional Secretariat Division starting from year 2017 to next 3 years, under the Megapolis plan which is implemented by the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development;
 - (ii) of the programmes, if any has already been started;
 - (iii) of the exact dates from which the scheduled programmes will be commenced;
 - (iv) whether state and private investments are made in this regard; and
 - (v) if so, separately of aforesaid investments?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the allocations made for the scheduled programs or for the programs that have already been started;
 - (ii) of the amount of money that has already been spent;
 - (iii) whether loans will be obtained in this regard;
 - (iv) of the institutions from which the loans will be obtained and the amounts of the loans; and
 - (v) if not, of the amount of money allocated by the government?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

1873/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the approved cadre in the Special Grades, Grades I, II and III of the Sri Lanka Planning Service and the number of officers serving in these Grades at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the posts belonging to the Special Grade;
 - (ii) of the names of the officers currently engaged in those posts and of their functions;

- (iii) what posts belong to Grade I; and
- (iv) of the names of the officers currently engaged in these posts and of their functions?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

1949/'17

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Regional Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit the fact that an injustice has been caused to the people living in the upcountry owing to the abolition of the Upcountry Peasantry Rehabilitation Department established to develop the upcountry region, by the previous government?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the development benefits accrued to the upcountry region by the Upcountry Development Authority;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated to that Authority;
 - (iii) the functions performed and the projects implemented by that Authority;
 - (iv) the people held the post of Chairman and held institutional responsibilities of the Upcountry Development Authority;
 - (v) the jobs and the number of jobs given to the people of the poor villages in the upcountry region by the Upcountry Development Authority; and
 - (vi) the number and the names of projects initiated by the Upcountry Development Authority to enhance the quality of life of the people in poor villages?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is intended to recommence the Upcountry Peasantry Rehabilitation Department; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

15.

1951/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of families that depended on the Rubber small holder industry in Sri Lanka in 2014, 2015 and 2016, separately;
 - (ii) the number of such families that dropped in 2016 compared to 2014;
 - (iii) the measures the government adopts to enhance the quality of life of persons who lost their livelihood due to not cultivating rubber;
 - (iv) whether steps would be taken to re-cultivate rubber in abandoned lands; and
 - (v) if so, the date on which it will be done?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, October 19, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1221/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of government institutions in the Vavuniya district;
- (ii) the number of government institutions that were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after 1983;
- (iii) whether a government approved valuation has been done on the destroyed property;
- (iv) if so, the total value of the said property;
- (v) whether legal action has been taken against the terrorists who were responsible for the said destruction;
- (vi) if so, what those steps are; and
- (vii) whether a comprehensive report with regard to the facts that have been questioned in above (i) to (vi) will be submitted?

(b) If not, why?

2.

1332/16

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether there was an institution called Lanka Transformers under the purview of the Ceylon Electricity Board;
- (ii) whether its name has been changed;
- (iii) if so, its name at present;
- (iv) as to how the shares of LTL Holdings (pvt) Ltd have been distributed;
- (v) as to who administers the shares of the shareholders of ESOT (Trust)
- (vi) whether a document containing the names of its shareholders and the number of shares held by them is submitted; and
- (vii) after its establishment, the period within which they were informed of their shares and that they were shareholders as per the Employee Trust Agreements?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the founder shareholders of ESOT Company and the amount of shares held by them;
 - (ii) whether there are employees of Ceylon Electricity Board amongst its shareholders; and
 - (iii) if so, whether he acknowledges that there is a conflict of interest?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that dividends amounting to Rs. 232 million had not been paid to the Ceylon Electricity Board by LTL Holdings (Pvt) Ltd as mentioned in the COPE report; and
 - (ii) as to the action taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

1408/'16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Primary Industries,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a Primary Industry Council has been established as per proposal No.182 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it was established and its location;
 - (iii) whether he will briefly explain the objective of establishing a Primary Industry Council and the programme for same;
 - (iv) whether a list of experts to be involved in the council is submitted;
 - (v) whether a list of primary industries active in Sri Lanka at present as indicated in the above proposal is submitted; and
 - (vi) the primary industries newly started in Sri Lanka including those in the North and East with the conclusion of the armed conflict in 2009?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1542/'17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he accepts that the Uma Oya Development Project has become a menace to the people engaged in agricultural activities within the Badulla District including Bandarawela; and
 - (ii) whether the Ministry has taken steps to pay compensation to the people whose cultivation has been adversely affected by this Project?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

1583/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the house No.35 at Ruwanpura, Mayurapura of the Ruwanpura Tsunami Housing Complex in Hambanthota district was provided to Mr. S.M. Sijavdeen;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it was provided;
 - (iii) the period of time for which he had resided in that house;
 - (iv) the name of the person who is residing in the aforesaid house at present;
 - (v) he is aware that the aforesaid person was forcibly dispossessed of the said house;and
 - (vi) the action taken in regard to the complaint made to the Divisional Secretary of Hambanthota about this matter in December 2010?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1745/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Mr. K.P. Sirisena, bearer of Tea Shakthi Member No. 109131 of the Tea Smallholders' Association in Parakaduwa, died suddenly in the year 2016;
 - (ii) Mrs. P.M. Lucida, wife and successor of the deceased, has handed all the documents necessary for obtaining his Tea Shakthi insurance benefit dues over to the local organization of the Tea Smallholders Association of Ratnapura District on 30.09.2016?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that the said benefit money has not been received so far, although nearly six months has elapsed since the handing over of documents; and
 - (ii) if so, will he take steps to give her the said benefit money as soon as possible?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

1755/17

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the practice of permitting the people who do not possess dry lands to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields long time;
 - (ii) whether he admits that the opportunity that had been granted to people who do not possess dry lands to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields to build a house, has been denied to them; and
 - (iii) this has resulted in a large number of people in various parts of the country who do not possess dry lands becoming helpless?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of people who have forwarded applications to the Department of Agrarian Services seeking permission to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields, by now;
 - (ii) whether those people would be allowed to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields very soon; and
 - (iii) if so, from when?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

1780/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of hospitals, central dispensaries and ayurveda hospitals in the Puttalam district operating under the Northwestern Provincial Council;
 - (ii) the names of the places where they are situated;
 - (iii) separately, the total number of employees employed in each of the aforesaid health centres;
 - (iv) whether there are vacancies in the said Health Centres;
 - (v) if so, details of such vacancies; and
 - (vi) the steps to be taken to upgrade the said Health Centres and fill their vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

1790/17

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

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

10.

1853/17

Hon. S.M. Marikkakr,—To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the development programmes intended for Thimbirigasyaya Divisional Secretariat Division starting from year 2017 to next 3 years, under the Megapolis plan which is implemented by the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development;
 - (ii) of the programmes, if any has already been started;
 - (iii) of the exact dates from which the scheduled programmes will be commenced ;
 - (iv) whether state and private investments are made in this regard;
 - (v) if so, separately of aforesaid investments?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the allocations made for the programs to be started or for the programs that have already been started;
 - (ii) of the amount of money that has already been spent;
 - (iii) whether loans will be obtained in this regard;
 - (iv) of the institutions from which the loans will be obtained and the amounts of the loans; and
 - (v) if not, of the amount of money allocated by the government ?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

1870/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of foreign visits the President has made from 01.01.2016 to 30.04.2017;
 - (ii) the names of the countries visited;
 - (iii) the expenditure borne for each visit, separately;
 - (iv) the total number that accompanied the President for each visit including the Ministers, Members of Parliament and officials, separately; and
 - (v) the positions held by the other individuals who participated in the visits with the President?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

1952/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of land that belongs to the government;
 - (ii) the extent of government land earmarked to be distributed for settlement; and
 - (iii) the number of families that have applied for lands for settlement; in the Kegalle district and in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Division separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to provide the identified lands to the families that have applied for them; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

1958/'17

Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of people died;
 - (ii) the number of houses damaged;
 - (iii) the number of houses damaged only due to landslides ;
 - (iv) the number of houses damaged fully or partially due to floods; and owing to floods and landslides that occurred in the Ratnapura District from 26 May to 05 June 2017, separately in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

1961/'17

Hon Premalal Jayasekara,—To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether he is aware of the reports that 630 houses have been damaged completely and 4608 houses have been damaged partially due to floods and the landslides that occurred in May 2017 in the district of Ratnapura;
 - (ii) whether suitable lands have been identified to re construct the damaged houses;
 - (iii) whether lands owned by the Estate Companies will be acquired for that; and
 - (iv) whether the existing laws will be amended to acquire those lands immediately?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the government has decided a specific period of time to give compensation for the damaged houses;
 - (ii) whether compensation will be paid for all the houses that have been damaged; and
 - (iii) the criteria that will be taken into consideration when giving compensation for the damaged houses?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

1962/'17

Hon. Mohamed Navavi,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total amount of allocations received by the Dankotuwa Divisional Secretariat in Puttalam District under decentralized funds in each year from the year 2013 up to now, separately;
 - (ii) the manner in which the aforesaid allocations were received;
 - (iii) the projects / programmes that have been completed or are being carried out using the aforesaid allocations;
 - (iv) if allocations were made for any institutions or organizations during this period the amount of allocation and the names and addresses of the recipient institutions or organizations on a per year basis; and
 - (v) if there is a continuous amount during the aforesaid period of time, the aforesaid amount and the manner it was caused ;
 - (b) If not , why ?
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Friday, October 20, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1222/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

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

2.

1334/16

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether necessary action has been taken to educate people about the decision taken by local authorities not to collect unclassified garbage;
 - (ii) if so, the manner in which it was done;
 - (iii) whether people have been given the facilities which are required for collecting garbage after it is classified;
 - (iv) if so, the manner it has been done; and
 - (v) whether local authorities have been provided with the facilities required for collecting classified garbage?
- (b) Will he also state —
 - (i) the action has been taken against the persons who dispose garbage without classifying it;
 - (ii) whether the classified garbage is recycled;
 - (iii) if so, the place in which it is done;
 - (iv) the amount of money invested for it; and
 - (v) the purposes for which the recycled garbage can be used?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1409/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether 50 licenses were issued for the import of gold as per proposal No. 181 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) if so, whether a detailed report containing the names and addresses of licensees and the license fees paid by them;
 - (iii) whether he will submit a report on the price of gold in the world market from 1977 up to now;
 - (iv) the names of persons who import gold to Sri Lanka free of duties; and
 - (v) the names of major suppliers and countries from whom gold is imported by Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1474/'16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of development projects implemented in the Badulla District by the Urban Development Authority from year 2010 up to now;
 - (ii) separately the name of each of the development projects along with the amount of money spent on each project, name of the company to which the project was awarded, the amount of money paid to each of the contracting companies, the dates on which each of the projects were declared open and the amount of money spent on such opening ceremonies; and
 - (iii) of the development projects which are expected to be implemented in the Badulla District by the Ministry in future?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

1746/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the decision to run a budget office at Parliament is being implemented; if not why;
 - (ii) of the institute from which enquiries can be made about possible budget cuts;
 - (iii) of the methodology as to how Parliament can obtain information about the progress of the implementation of pledges given through the budget; and

- (iv) whether a calendar for implementing the 2017 budget proposals for welfare will be provided?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) out of the budget proposals for year 2015, of those that were not implemented; and
 - (ii) of the reasons as to why those proposals were not implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

1756/'17

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

- (a) Will he admit—
 - (i) that people have been attacked by wild boars;
 - (ii) arrangements have been made to pay compensation amounting to Rs. 200,000/- for the loss of life caused by attacks by wild elephants, crocodiles, bears, leopards and wild buffalos irrespective of differences in gender and age;
 - (iii) there is no such arrangement in the event of deaths caused by wild boars?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will admit that a mechanism should be implemented speedily to pay compensation to victims of wild boar attacks who live in penury;
 - (ii) if so, whether a compensation mechanism will be implemented promptly;
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

1791/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Tamil medium Muslim schools that were functioning in the district of Jaffna, in the Northern province under the line ministry and provincial councils on or around 31.12.1990 ;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid schools and the locations of the schools;
 - (iii) of the education zones and the Divisional Secretariat Divisions covered by these schools; and
 - (iv) whether the number of Gazette Notifications through which each of the aforesaid schools were declared as government schools will be tabled with their relevant dates?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1813/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of state lands in Kalutara district;
 - (ii) of the leased out extent of lands out of aforesaid lands;
 - (iii) separately, of the name of the institution by which aforesaid lands were taken on lease , the date of lease , the period of lease and the amount of lease;
 - (iv) of the institutions by which outstanding lease amounts should be paid for aforesaid lands;
 - (v) separately, of the outstanding amounts of lease that should be paid by each institution ?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

1855/17

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the development programmes intended for Kaduwela Divisional Secretariat Division starting from year 2017 to next 3 years, under the Megapolis plan which is implemented by the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development;
 - (ii) of the programmes, if any has already been started;
 - (iii) of the exact dates from which the scheduled programmes will be commenced ;
 - (iv) whether state and private investments are made in this regard;
 - (v) if so, separately of aforesaid investments?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the allocations made for the scheduled programs or for the programs that have already been started;
 - (ii) of the amount of money that has already been spent;
 - (iii) whether loans will be obtained in this regard;
 - (iv) of the institutions from which the loans will be obtained and the amount of the loans;
 - (v) if not, of the amount of money allocated by the government ?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

1871/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of foreign visits made by the Prime Minister from 08.01.2015 to 30.04.2017;
 - (ii) the countries visited;
 - (iii) separately, the expenditure incurred on each visit;
 - (iv) separately, the total number participated in each visit including the Ministers, Members of Parliament and officials;
 - (v) the posts of other individuals who participated in foreign visits together with the Prime Minister?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

1875/17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of villages in the North Western Province faced with acute shortage of drinking water;
 - (ii) the name of those villages;
 - (iii) whether your Ministry has initiated a programme to provide bowsers to villages affected by water shortage;
 - (iv) if so, the number of water bowsers provided up to now and the villages to which they were provided;
 - (v) the steps to be taken by the Ministry to provide water bowsers to other villages affected by water shortage?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

1959/17

Hon.(Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of families who have been advised to evict their homes owing to the risk of floods and landslides that prevailed in the Ratnapua District from 26 May to 05 June 2017, separately in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Division?
 - (ii) whether a programme has been drawn up to provide alternative lands or constructed houses for the relevant householders?
 - (iii) If so, the extent of land to be given to each person and the compensation to be paid for the construction of a house?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

1963/'17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) 29 officers serve as teacher assistants attached to the Department of Civil Security in the Welioya Educational Zone since year 2007;
 - (ii) they have not hitherto been absorbed to the teachers service, in spite of the fact that they have engaged in duties amidst severe difficulties since the period of war;
 - (iii) a decision has been taken through the approval of cabinet to confirm the voluntary teachers who serve in the aforesaid province;
 - (iv) on the basis of the said approval, steps have been taken by the Northern Provincial Council to confirm the teachers who served on Contract basis as well?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken to ensure job security of these teacher assistants?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

1977/'17

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the action that will be taken in future by the Ministry to develop the Girihandu Seya Buddhist temple located in Thiriyaya in the Trincomalee District, which is an important place of Buddhist worship with historical significance;
 - (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that the historic stone inscription which mentions the Thapassu-Bhalluka brothers, which is located in the Girihandu Seya Vihara premises, is exposed to the elements without any shelter to protect it;
 - (iii) of the steps that will be taken in future by the Department of Archaeology to prevent further destruction of the aforesaid stone inscription;
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken in future to develop the sacred area belonging to Girihandu Seya sacred area into a sacred city?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

1983/17

Hon Piyal Nishantha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the public playground of Aluthgama belonging to the Beruwala Pradeshiya Sabha is maintained by the said Pradeshiya Sabha; and
 - (ii) the playground concerned was renovated and developed a year ago?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of provision granted for the development activities and the year in which it was granted;
 - (ii) whether the specified tender procedure has been followed in developing the playground;
 - (iii) if not, the reasons for it;
 - (iv) who the contractors of the project are; and
 - (v) whether the total amount of money approved for the project has been utilized for the aforesaid project; and
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the recommendation of the Minister representing the area is required for obtaining approval from the Beruwala Pradeshiya Sabha to book the playground for a festival/ sports event/ social event;
 - (ii) if so, the reason for it;
 - (iii) whether engaging in sports in this playground has been banned for sports clubs in the area; and
 - (iv) if so, the reasons underlying it?
- (d) If not, why?

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. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
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Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
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.