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## **Tuesday, May 18, 2010**

### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0002/'10

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—

- (a) Is he aware of the fact that 4500 to 6000 farmer families have made Chena cultivation their livelihood for well over 40 years in an extent of 7000 acres from Kirinda yala to Ranminitenna village in the Tissamaharama Divisional Secretariat division in the Hambantota district?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether,—
  - there is a plan to dispossess those helpless farmers of their farm lands; and
  - (ii) steps would be taken forthwith to terminate such an attempt, if there is one?
- (c) Will he state,—
  - (i) whether those farm lands are constantly destroyed by wild elephants;
  - (ii) if so, the courses of action to be taken to prevent such destructions;
  - (iii) whether steps would be taken to develop those farm lands with the provision of Infrastructure facilities such as water, electricity and roads and confer the ownership of those lands to the farmers?
- (d) If not, why?

0003/'10

2.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—

(a) Is he aware that the Chena cultivation which can be done only once a year is the livelihood of the majority of the people living in the Koanketiara village belonging to the Surivirugama Grama Niladhari Division of the Suriyawewa Divisional Secretary Division of the Hambantota district?

- (b) Will he inform this House,—
  - (i) whether about 300 hapless families had lost around 3000 acres of their chena lands as a result of elephants from surrounding jungles being brought and penned inside an electrical fence constructed within this farming land located at the Koanketiara village since September 2009;
  - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to return these farming lands to these destitute chena farmers who have lost their lands?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—

- (a) Is he aware that,—
  - (i) the right of tenancy, the right to lands, the right of succession and the other rights of the tenant farmer were protected by the Paddy Land Act No. 01 of 1958; and
  - (ii) all the aforesaid rights were abolished by the Agrarian Development Act No. 46 of 2000?
- (b) Will he state in this House,—
  - (i) whether he will take action to submit a new Paddy Land Act to secure the right of tenancy of about 4 lakhs of tenant farmer families who were deprived of their rights;
  - (ii) if so, the time frame within which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

0008/'10

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
  - (i) of the full name of the Chief Minister of the Eastern Province;
  - (ii) when he assumed duties of that post;
  - (iii) of the number of foreign dignitaries that visited him after he assumed duties as the Chief Minister if any;
  - (iv) the names of the foreign dignitaries so visited; and

(	v)	the dates they paid their visits	?
(b)	Will	he state,—	

- (i) on whose invitations those foreign dignitaries arrived; and
- (ii) the matters those dignitaries discussed?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—To ask the Minister of Environment,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of,—
  - (i) the foreign institution from which credit was obtained for the forest resources management project and the relevant amount of credit;
  - (ii) the extent of forest land that was targeted to be surveyed and mapped under this project;
  - (iii) the extent of land that was mapped; and
  - (iv) the amount spent on it?
- (b) Will he submit to this House,—
  - (i) the amount paid for the foreigners recruited as consultants under the aforesaid project;
  - (ii) the names of those who went on foreign tours under this project; and
  - (iii) the cost of the foreign tours?
- (c) Will he state,—
  - (i) the number of concrete demarcation posts purchased to mark the boundaries of forests under the aforesaid project and the amount spent on it;
  - (ii) the remaining number of posts;
  - (iii) the remainder of posts, compared to the required number; and
  - (iv) whether approval of the Survey Department has been granted for mapping and the demarcation posts used, under this project?
- (d) If not, why?

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
  - (i) the name of the Human Resources and Administration Director of Lak Sathosa;
  - (ii) whether his name is Mr. Priyal Perera;
  - (iii) if so, the education qualifications and the age of Mr. Priyal Perera;
  - (iv) how he collected Rs. 80,000/= as 2 years leave encashment (2006-2008) without signing an attendance book; and
  - (v) the period during which he collected the following emoluments per month;

Rs. 115,000/= for salaries

Rs. 43,500/= for transport

Rs. 20,000/= for petrol

Rs. 2,500/= for telephone

- (b) the names of the other staff members who are getting such perks?
- (c) If not, why?

0024/'10

7.

Hon Ajith Kumara,—To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that an institution by the name of "Rural Education Development Academy" is operative in several provinces including the Southern Province, for the purpose of teaching English, Tamil and Japanese languages to school children?
- (b) Will he submit to this House,—
  - (i) if so, the names of the said schools;
  - (ii) the other provinces and the relevant schools where the said project is operative;
  - (iii) whether approval has been granted to that institution for that project by the Ministry of Education or the Provincial Ministries of Education; and
  - (iv) the dates on which approval was granted, the person who has granted it and the conditions under which it was granted?
- (c) Will he state,—

- (i) if a fee is charged from students under the said project, the amount charged per student; and
- (ii) whether approval in that respect has been granted by the Ministry of Education or any other Government institution;
- (d) If not, why?

8.

Hon Ajith Kumara,—To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
  - (i) the method adopted in recruiting teachers for the project which is operative in several provinces including the Southern Province, by an institution by the name of 'Rural Education Development Academy', for the purpose of teaching English, Tamil and Japanese languages to school children;
  - (ii) whether there is any guarantee that those teachers are qualified to teach languages like English, Tamil or Japanese;
  - (iii) whether this project is supervised by the Public institution;
  - (iv) if so, by whom that supervision is done; and
  - (v) the measures that will be taken regarding the operation of the said project, if it has not met the relevant conditions in operation in spite of the fact that the approval for this project has been granted or not granted by the Ministry of Education?
- (b) If not, why?

0026/'10

9.

Hon Sunil Handunnetti,—To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
  - (i) whether syllabi have been prepared for students who study Political Science and Agriculture in the Medium of English in order to offer those subjects at the G.C.E (Advanced Level) examination in year 2011;
  - (ii) if so, whether they are being used for teaching at schools; and
  - (iii) if not, the syllabi under which the students studying in the Medium of English would be required to sit the Examination?
- (b) If not, why?

### NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddhasasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity levy Act (No.1),—Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1621/11 of 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2009, which was presented on 04.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddhasasana and Religious Affairs,—Order under the Special Commodity levy Act (No.2),—Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1627/9 of 09<sup>th</sup> November, 2009, which was presented on 04.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddhasasana and Religious Affairs,—Order under the Special Commodity levy Act (No.3),—Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1632/37 of 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2009, which was presented on 04.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*4

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddhasasana and Religious Affairs,—Resolution under the Constitution,— That this Parliament hereby resolves that the salary of Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) appointed under Article 156(3) of the Constitution of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka should be as follows with effect from 01.01.2009.

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) Rs. 65,000.00

And this Parliament further resolves that Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) is not entitled to any other allowances in addition to monthly salary of Rs. 65,000/=, with effect from 01.01.2009 since the aforesaid monthly salary is also inclusive of the rent allowance that was previously approved by Parliament.

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*5

The Minister of Lands and Land Development,— Regulations under the Registration of Title Act,—Regulations made by Minister of Lands and Land Development under section 67 of the Registration of Title Act, No 21 of 1998 read with Section 60 and 62 of that Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No 1616/23 of 2009 August, 24, which was presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

\* Indicates Government Business

## Wednesday, May 19, 2010

### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0005/'10

1

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,- To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
  - (i) of the number of "Govijana Kendra" areas in the Hambantota district;
  - (ii) what those areas are; and
  - (iii) the number of tenant farmers at "Govijana Kendra" level?
- (b) Will he take steps to make available a list of names along with addresses of the tenant farmers at "Govijana Kendra" level?
- (c) If not, why?

0006/'10

2.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—

- (a) Will he state,—
  - (i) the number of "Govijana Kendra" areas in Sri Lanka?
  - (ii) what those areas are;
  - (iii) the number of tenant farmers at "Govijana Kendra" level?
- (b) Will he take steps to make available a list of names along with addresses of the tenant farmers at "Govijana Kendra" level?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—

- (a) Is he aware of the sand dune at Magama which is 04.05 Kilometers in length and 01.05 Kilometers in width 30 meters in height and stretches over 396 acres from the estuary of the Kirindioya to the estuary of the Doraoya?
- (b) Is he aware that,—
  - (i) 676 acres of paddy lands and 31 acres of supplementary crop farming lands are protected due to this sand dune;
  - (ii) the said sand dune is covered with trees such as "Palu, Weera and Ranawara" which are endemic to southern Sri Lanka?
- (c) Will he admit that,—
  - (i) this sand dune has been transferred to a foreign company to extract its minerals; namely Ilmanite and Granite;
  - (ii) there will be adverse impacts on Magama and surrounding villages as a result of around 60% of sand being removed from the layer of sand above ground level when extracting these minerals which are located about eight feet deep?
- (d) Will he inform this House,—
  - (i) if so, the measures taken to avert the aforesaid adverse impacts?
  - (ii) whether the project committee has consulted the residents for their consent regarding this project?
  - (iii) if the project was implemented, amidst protest of the people on whose instruction was it done?
- (e) If not, why?

0011/'10

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—To ask the Minister of Highways,—

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
  - the number of roads constructed from the year 2008 up to date by the 'Maganeguma Project' established under the implementation of Mahinda Chinthana policies;
  - (ii) the estimated amount in respect of each of the above mentioned roads; and
  - (iii) separately, of the amount of money spent so far, out of the aforesaid estimated amount?

- (b) Will he state,—
  - the number of vehicles under the Highways Construction and Machinery Company established under this project; and
  - (ii) the number of offices and vehicle yards opened throughout the Island under that company?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House the accounts of the North Western Provincial Council from 1999 to 2008?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether disciplinary inquiries were held against the officials involved in fraud and corruption revealed by the above mentioned accounts?
- (c) Will he submit to this House a detailed account of the measures taken against the officials and other individuals involved in the aforesaid fraud and corruption?
- (d) Will he state,—
  - (i) whether action was taken to dismiss the accused officials on the decisions taken at disciplinary inquiries; and
  - (ii) if not, whether disciplinary action will be taken against the authorities who continue to employ the accused officials?
- (c) If not, why?

0013/'10

6.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that a large number of fishermen of our country are in custody of the Indian Government?
- (b) Will he inform this House of,—
  - (i) the number of fishermen taken into custody by the Indian government within the period from January 2009 up to now;
  - (ii) the number of fishermen in custody at present; and
  - (iii) the measures that have been taken to get the fishermen in custody released?
- (c) If not, why?

# Thursday, May 20, 2010

## QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0014/'10

1.

Hon Ravi Karunanayake,—To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Buddhasasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, per year basis for the last 10 years to date,—
  - (i) the number of personnel in the Army; and
  - (ii) the cost for salaries and emoluments?
- (b) Will he state the total cost of recurrent and capital for the Army in the last 05 years on per year basis?
- (c) Will he also state,—
  - (i) the number of Army personnel in a Regiment or Group; and
  - (ii) the number deployed per province basis?
- (d) If not, why?

0015/'10

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Buddhasasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
  - (i) of the number of road accidents that have occurred annually throughout the island from the year 2008 to date;
  - (ii) separately, of the number of fatal accidents and the number of non-fatal accidents out of the aforesaid accidents;
  - (iii) of the number of accidents occurred due to high speed driving and driving under influence of liquor or drugs, out of these accidents;
  - (iv) the number of persons who died, and the number of persons who were injured or disabled due to the aforesaid accidents?
- (b) Will he state the measures that will be taken to prevent those road accidents that occur throughout the island?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Buddhasasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House per year basis for the last 10 years to date
  - (i) the number of personnel in the Air Force; and
  - (ii) the cost for salaries and emoluments?
- (b) Will he state the total cost of recurrent and capital for the Air Force in the last 05 years on per year basis?
- (c) Will he also state—
  - (i) the number of Air Force personnel in a Regiment or Group; and
  - (ii) the number deployed per province basis?
- (d) If not, why?

## **Tuesday, June 08, 2010**

### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0017/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Buddhasasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
  - the number of security forces personnel who are entitled to compensation rights since the year 2000;
  - (ii) the amount of money paid as compensation;
  - (iii) the number of persons who have been awarded compensation up to now; and
  - (iv) the reasons for the delay in payment of the relevant compensation?
- (b) If not, why?

0019/'10

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
  - (i) all the names of the Projects that the Government of China or Chinese companies handling in Sri Lanka, from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2006 to date;

- (ii) whether it is under the loan, grant or joint venture; and
- (iii) the financing sources and all the related cost for (i) above?
- (b) If not why?

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of,—
  - (i) the institutions that have been established as per the cabinet memorandum dated 21.01.2004 which was presented for the establishment of the "Maga Neguma" project;
  - (ii) the name of the current Chairman of the Maga Neguma Road Construction Machinery Institution established under this Project and his educational qualifications; and
  - (iii) the monthly salary and other allowances paid to the aforesaid Chairman?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately for the years 2007, 2008,2009 and 2010,—
  - (i) the names and addresses of the board of directors of the above institution and the salaries and other allowances paid to them; and
  - (ii) the names of its officials and the relevant posts and the salaries, wages or other allowances paid to them?
- (c) Will he state separately the number of vehicles obtained for the above institution on rent basis, the institution or person to whom each vehicle belongs to and the fuel allowances paid to each vehicle?
- (d) If not, why?

## Friday, June 11, 2010

### NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.1/'10

1.

The Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Prevention of the President and the Prime Minister from holding Cabinet Portfolios,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that the President and the Prime Minister be prevented from holding any Cabinet portfolio in order to have a very effective administration and to critically review performances of their Ministers.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Registration of Weapons,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that all weapons in Sri Lanka should be registered and thereafter, if anyone is found with an unlicensed weapon, he should be charged with breach of criminal law and a mandatory imprisonment of 20 years be enforced.

P.3/'10

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Extension of Banking Hours,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that Banking hours should be extended from 9:00 hours till 16:00 hours in order to increase the economic activities in the country.

P.4/'10

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting Permission to Journalists to attend all Meetings held under Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE), Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and Consultative Committees,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that journalists must be permitted to attend all meetings held under the Committee on Public Enterprises, Public Accounts Committee and Consultative Committees as this will make the discussions more effective, meaningful and transparent.

P.5/'10

5.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting Agricultural Loans to farmers who are self employed in Agriculture,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that farmers who are self employed in agriculture be granted Agricultural loans to a maximum of Rs. 2,50,000 at a reduced Interest Rate of 5%.

P.6/'10

6.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Implementation of an Island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc.,— Since the usage of Polythene and Plastic material has rapidly increased in the island and large scale environmental pollution is taking place due to the indiscriminate disposal of such material, that this Parliament is of the opinion that an island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc, be implemented.

P.7/'10

7.

Hon.Ravi Karunanayake,— Publishing the names of defaulters of loans taken from State Banks,— That this Parliament resolves that legal provisions be introduced in Parliament to publish names of defaulters who have borrowed over Rs.100 million from state banks.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Implementation of Private Members Motions,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that Private Members Motions moved in Parliament shall be debated within one year and, if approved by Parliament, the Cabinet of Ministers shall sanction them within six months, so that the Private Members Motions would be an effective contribution by Parliamentarians

P.9/'10

9.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Playing National Anthem in Parliament,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that National Anthem be played in Parliament before the commencement and the conclusion of Parliament Sitting in order to develop national spiritedness in the country.

P.10/'10

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Developing a Strong Sri Lankan Identity,— That since the requirement to state one's race and religion in Government documents is an impediment and an inhibition to develop a strong national identity' this Parliament is of the opinion that this requirement be dispensed with.

P.11/'10

11.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Prevention of using images of Religious leaders for commercial purposes,— That this Parliament resolves that all religions must equally be respected and that images of Lord Buddha, Jesus Christ, Lord Shiva or Prophet Mohammed should not be used on any Commercial advertisement or any other form of non religious items.

P.12/'10

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Making new laws to regulate contempt of court proceedings,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that new laws should be brought into regulate contempt of court proceedings as to strengthen democracy and to maintain a vibrant free media ensuring equal justice to all.

P.13/'10

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Introducing of Laws relating to Public Interest Litigation,— That this Parliament resolves that Laws be introduced in Parliament for the Public Interest Litigation in respect of violation of basic Human Rights of the poor, content or conduct of Government policy, compel Municipal Authorities to perform a public duty, violation of religious rights or other basic fundamental rights, and corruption which Leads to Higher Public Debt and additional Liability to the Citizen.

P.14/'10

14.

Hon.Ravi Karunanayake,— Presenting a Financial Audit Report to The Election Commission by Political Parties,— That this Parliament resolves that all income and expenditure earned and incurred by recognized Political Parties must be audited and presented to the Election Commission annually.

P.15/'10

15.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Punishments for Government Officials,—That this Parliament resolves that, High Ranking Government Officials who misuse and politicize their independent positions be punished and fined as soon as they are found guilty.

P.16/'10

16.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Extension of Retirement Age,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that the Government officers' retirement age must be extended up to 65 years and for those who have special aptitude it can be extended up to 70 years, if the Legislature recommends.

P.17/'10

17.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Establishment of Quality Assurance Council to protect Education,— That this Parliament resolves that a "Quality Assurance Council" be established by law with an immediate effect to protect the education for the future generation, since there are many educational institutions mushrooming in Sri Lanka using university names without any accountability.

P.18/'10

18.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Creation of a Position named "Special Prosecutor",— That this Parliament resolves that in order to ensure the Government Service is free from political interferences, a position named "Special Prosecutor" that directly reporting to this Parliament be created to institute prosecutions as soon as Independent Commissions Committee on Public Accounts and Committee on Public Enterprises report the cases of misuse, corruption or inefficiency, affecting the efficiency of the Institutions.

P.19/'10

19.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Pre Budget Debate prior to passing of the Budget,— That this Parliament resolves that, like in India and United Kingdom, there must be a pre Budget debate on estimates provided, three months before passing of the Budget in order to mitigate and rectify any adverse or unfavorable impacts.

P.20/'10

20.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of 1% Return for Employees in relation to Inflation,— That this Parliament resolves that the Employee Provident Fund and Employees Trust Fund which are administered by the Government Institutions should ensure that the employees get a return of 1% higher than the inflation of each year.

P.21/'10

21.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Provision of Free Traveling Facilities to Senior Citizens,— That this Parliament resolves that all senior citizens be provided with free of charge traveling facilities in public transport services.

P.22/'10

22.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Creation of a Conflict Resolution Centre,— That since Sri Lanka is a multi ethnic and multi religious country which has a national problem such as aberration of peace, this Parliament is of the opinion that a Conflict Resolution Centre which can go into problems in Sri Lanka, in the region, and the world as a whole, be created, utilizing the strengths in all religions namely Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism and Islam.

P.23/'10

23.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of Pension Gratuity without delay,— This Parliament resolves that measures be adopted to pay Pension Gratuity without delay to the Pensioners who have not yet received the same.

P.24/'10

24.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Appointment of a National Policy Formulation Board to determine National Policies,— This Parliament resolves that a national policy formulation board having specific powers to function notwithstanding changes of Government and consisting of politicians and professionals in this field be appointed with a view to formulating systematic national policies and plans.

P.25/'10

25.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Setting up of a unit with legal powers to solve the problems faced by the migrant employees,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that a unit with legal powers be set up to look into problems faced by migrant employees such as assaults, abduction, rape, sexual abuse, killings, financial frauds and to get them down to this country and to look into their safety.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Formulation of a National Programme to introduce New Inventors to the World,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be formulated to introduce the new inventors and citizens who are endowed with various skills to the world and to improve their skills and creations.

P.27/'10

27.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Tax Concession to Industrialists who utilize Indigenous Raw Materials,— That this Parliament resolves that a 02 year tax concession be granted to local industrialists who produce goods for the international market utilizing more than 75% indigenous raw materials

P.28/'10

28.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Granting Citizenship to Estate Community,— That this Parliament resolves that the estate sector community who do not have Sri Lankan citizenship should be granted same upon their willingness

P.29/'10

29.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Providing a free glass of milk to the pupils in primary schools in the Island,— That this Parliament resolves that arrangements should be made to give a free glass of milk in the morning to all the pupils in the primary schools in the Island.

P.30/'10

30.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Refund of Employee's Provident Fund and Employees Trust Fund benefits to the applicants within a week,— That this Parliament resolves that there should be a procedure to refund Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund benefits to the applicants within a week.

P.31/'10

31.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Issuing free season tickets to students,— That this Parliament resolves that a system should be introduced to issue free season tickets to students to travel in buses of the Road Passenger Transport Authorities.

P.32/'10

32.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Establishment of Sports Schools and formulating a National Sports Policy,— That this Parliament resolves that a National Sports Policy with long term objectives should be formulated and high standard Sports Schools with pavilions, play grounds, sports Instruments and sports instructors should be established basically covering all the districts.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Establishment of a Faculty of National Languages,— That this Parliament resolves that a Faculty of National Languages should be established in order to teach Sinhala, Tamil and English to teachers.

P.34/'10

34.

Hon. (Alhaj) A.H.M. Azwer,—Establishment of Industrial Estates in the Puttalam District,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that Industrial Estates be established at suitable locations in the Puttalam District with a view to boosting up industries in the District and to provide employment opportunities to the youth.

P.35/'10

35.

Hon. (Alhaj) A.H.M. Azwer,—Developing the Sathernkerny Public Play Ground in the Kalmunai Town,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that the Sathernkerny Public Play Ground be developed in all aspects as an International Sports Ground with a view to providing advanced facilities for the youth of Digamadulla District to improve their skills and ability in the various aspects of sports.

#### NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

\* 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>\*</sup> Indicates Government Business