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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0599/10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(3)

- (a) Will he state for the next 3 years—
 - (i) the future arrangements made for the Sri Lankan Cricket team ;
 - (ii) the names of the countries to be visited by the Sri Lankan Cricket team and countries of visiting Sri Lanka ;
 - (iii) the number of Test and One Day Matches to be played; and
 - (iv) the revenue expected and the cost that is to be incurred?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the total cost of the “Sri Lanka Cricket” per month ;
 - (ii) the list of people working in the “Sri Lanka Cricket” and the names of those who receive monthly remuneration or salaries above 50,000/- ; and
 - (iii) the overhead factor of the “Sri Lanka Cricket” per month?
- (c) If not, why?

1369/11

2.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the generation of electricity in the Kerawalapitiya thermal power plant was terminated owing to the non receipt of fuel; and
 - (ii) of the date on which the generation of electricity was resumed upon receipt of fuel?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the institutions from which electricity was purchased to meet the shortage of electricity to the National grid caused during the period in which power generation in the Kerawalapitiya thermal power plant was terminated;
 - (ii) separately of the price of a unit of electricity purchased from each such institution;
 - (iii) of the rate charged by “Ugadanaw company” on a unit of electricity; and
 - (iv) of number of units of electricity purchased from private institutions during the period in which the power generation was terminated and the total amount of money paid for that?
- (c) If not, why?

1395/’11

3.

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) a proper system of drains to drain away rain water is not available on both sides of the roads in the Hatton town which comes under Hatton-Dikoya Urban Council area in the Nuwara Eliya District;
 - (ii) as a result, the people in the Hatton town are immensely inconvenienced on rainy days; and
 - (iii) the non-availability of a proper system of drains to drain away water aggravates the threat of landslides further?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to construct a system of drains on both sides of roads in Hatton town;
 - (ii) if so, whether allocations have been made for that purpose by now;
 - (iii) of the amount of money that has been allocated; and
 - (iv) if the construction of a system of drains is to be commenced, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

1668/11

4.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soysa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the development projects that have been implemented in the field of urban development from the year 2006 up to now ;
 - (ii) of the benefits received by the people through these projects ;
 - (iii) of the development projects that are expected to be implemented in the future ; and
 - (iv) of the benefits expected from those projects?
- (b) If not, why?

1716/11

5.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of officers who approved the import of twenty thousand tones of sub standard petrol which was distributed throughout the country by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation in June 2011 ;
 - (ii) whether an assessment, of damage caused to vehicles and filling stations owing to providing that volume of sub standard petrol to customers through filling stations, has been made ;
 - (iii) whether steps be taken to pay compensation in relation to over four hundred complaints received regarding damages ; and
 - (iv) if so, whether the list of names of the recipients of compensation will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

1800/11

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the land that adjoins the land called Saxton Park in Matale belongs to the Municipal Council of Matale ;
 - (ii) a monk is occupying that land ; and
 - (iii) illegal activities are committed on that land?

(4)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the aforesaid land has been utilized for the use of the Municipal Council or for any other purpose ;
 - (ii) whether a temple has been built at that location ; and
 - (iii) of the measures taken with respect to the illegal activities that are committed on that land?
- (c) If not, why ?

1921/'11

7.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) there is a sausage factory approved by the Board of Investment in the Makndura Industrial Estate in Pannala in the Kurunegala District ; and
 - (ii) meat which has passed the expiry date is used to produce sausages in this factory?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the names of the countries from which chicken is imported to this factory for producing sausages ;
 - (ii) the names of the countries to which sausages are exported from this factory ; and
 - (iii) the names of the companies that distribute and sell the produce from this company, in the local market?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether he is aware that the raw material called textured soya protein which is past the expiry date is used in order to produce sausages at the factory in Makandura ;
 - (ii) the amount of this raw material which is past the expiry date found from this factory ; and
 - (iii) the kilogram weight of the consignment of packaged and labled sausages past the expiry date found stored in this factory?
- (d) Will he inform this House of the action taken against this factory, which produces sausages that are hazardous to health?
- (e) If not, why ?

8.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform whether there is a methodology to obtain information on the new inventions, new discoveries and machinery produced by the talented craftsmen living in various parts of this country?
- (b) Will he admit the facts that—
 - (i) most of the new inventors of this country are unable to improve their inventions and make progress for want of a strong economic footing ; and
 - (ii) those with necessary means in the society are reluctant to help this category of people financially?
- (c) Will he state whether he will take necessary steps to—
 - (i) subject to a correct evaluation the benefits accrued to the economy and the people of this country through the products of the new inventors ; and
 - (ii) encourage the inventors who have produced useful new inventions and promote the production of such items as an industry?
- (d) If not, why ?

0647/10

9.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (3)

- (a) Will he admit that during 2009 January - May, an active shortage of Foreign Exchange was prevailing in the country?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the various schemes offered by the Central Bank in order to attract Foreign Exchange;
 - (ii) the schemes still remain out of them; and
 - (iii) whether there was a special 20% added on to NRFC Account Holders and it is still functioning?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) the schemes offered by the Budget of 2009 and in mid 2009 to encourage the savings;
- (ii) the interest rates offered then and what is prevailing now;
- (iii) whether a bonus of 20% on savings by Senior Citizens was given;
- (iv) if so, until what date it was operating; and
- (v) as to how the Senior Citizens are being assisted now?

(d) If not, why?

1396/11

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a very dangerous situation has arisen as a result of not repairing the Dangaha Ela bridge situated at Wellathota in the Thihagoda Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara district?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans have been made to commence the repair work of the aforesaid bridge;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the repair work will be commenced; and
 - (iii) whether the allocations required for it have been made by now?
- (c) If not, why?

1558/11

11.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the estimated cost of the bridge constructed across the Mahaweli river at Somawathiya ;
 - (ii) the date on which the aforesaid construction work was started ; and
 - (iii) the institution that allocated funds for it?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the name and the address of the institution or person that has obtained the contract of constructing the aforesaid bridge ;
 - (ii) the date by which the aforesaid work has to be completed ; and
 - (iii) the current situation of the construction work of the aforesaid bridge?
- (c) If not, why?

1671/'11

12.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soysa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name of the head of the state of country who was instrumental in making the Indian Ocean a peace zone ;
 - (ii) of the date on which this resolution was presented to the United Nations General Assembly and adopted ;
 - (iii) of the date on which the implementation of that resolution commenced ; and
 - (iv) of the advantages and disadvantages accrued to Sri Lanka owing to the Indian Ocean becoming a peace zone?
- (b) If not, why?

1717/'11

13.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the agreements that have been entered into with the state and private sectors for the provision of various services through post offices;
 - (ii) whether the approval of the Secretary to the Ministry or the Attorney General was obtained before entering into those agreements;
 - (iii) of the conditions pertaining to those agreements; and
 - (iv) whether the Ministry of Postal Services has received the stipulated amounts of money from these service agreements?
- (b) If not, why?

1931/'11

14.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that officers attached to the Navy Camp near the harbour have contracted Dengue through Dengue mosquitoes that breed in water that gets collected on top of the containers piled up in the Colombo harbour?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of those who contracted Dengue in this camp ;
 - (ii) separately, the number of officers who died of Dengue in this camp in 2009, 2010 and 2011 ;
 - (iii) the names of those officers who died ; and
 - (iv) the steps to be taken to curb the spread of Dengue in and around this camp?
- (c) If not, why ?

15.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Social Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a census of persons over sixty years of age, also known as senior citizens, living in Sri Lanka at present, has been conducted ;
 - (ii) if so, the number of such citizens ; and
 - (iii) whether such statistics are updated annually?
- (b) Will he state whether he will take necessary steps to—
 - (i) put a mechanism in place to introduce a special identity card for senior citizens ;
 - (ii) enable them to get the services done speedily at public places like hospitals, banks and transport services where queues exist, by going out of the queues by producing that identity card ; and
 - (iii) enable to obtain public transport facilities provided by the state sector, at concessionary rates?
- (c) If not, why ?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

*2.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*3.

Employees' Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*5.

Tax Appeals Commission (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to levying of cess on export of goods and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1733/5 of November 21st, 2011, which was presented on 21.12.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to levying of cess on import of goods and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1733/6 of November 21st, 2011, which was presented on 21.12.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Minister of Justice,— Order under the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Justice under subsection (3) of Section 2 of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, No. 25 of 2002 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1725/3 of September 26th, 2011, which was presented on 28.11.2011, be approved.

*9.

Defence Services Command and Staff College (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

*10.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

Employees' Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.

*13.

Overseas Employees Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.

*14.

Pensions (Consequential Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

*15.

The Minister of Lands and Land Development,— Regulations under the Registration of Title Act,— That the Regulations made by the 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 August 24th, 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 25 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), related to Serving of Standard Liquor in Hotels approved by the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1689/20 of January 21st, 2011, which was presented on 10.02.2011, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 935.)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

Order under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act,—Adjourned Debate on Question (08th September, 2011) Motion made and question proposed,— “ Order made by the Minister of Justice under subsection (2) of Section 7 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act, No.42 of 2007, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1708/5 of May 30th, 2011, which was presented on 23.08.2011, be approved.”

*18.

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

19.

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

20.

State Employees’ Development Finance Corporation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*

Wednesday, January 18, 2012
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0653/’10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the amount of money allocated to the Commission to Investigate Bribery or Corruption for the last 8 years, on per year basis;

(ii) the number of complaints made and the number of cases investigated ; and

(iii) the number of cases convicted?

- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) there are much more bribery and corruption cases to be investigated than the number of cases convicted; and
 - (ii) the Commission lost its efficiency and the independency ?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) if (b) (ii) is invalid, the reason for the prevailing situation in the Commission and the remedy for it;
 - (ii) whether the bribery and corruption is a curse and a road block to fight development; and
 - (iii) if so, as to why a non political and totally independent Commission is not being established to root out corruptions?
- (d) If not, why?

1397/11

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Ihalawattayaya west anicut at Ellewela in the Hakmana Divisional Secretariat Division in Matara District, is devoid of planks ; and
 - (ii) as a result of that, a large extent of paddy lands have become barren owing to the failure to receive water as required?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether arrangements will be made to commence the restoration work of this anicut upon assembling required planks ;
 - (ii) whether funds have been allocated for this purpose by now ;
 - (iii) if so, the sum of money so allocated ; and
 - (iv) if restoration work will be commenced, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number, quality and values;
 - (ii) the models and the years of importation of the vehicles that existed in the Ministry of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities, prior to the importation of vehicles in 2011?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of vehicles imported for the said Ministry in 2011;
 - (ii) as to who has imported the aforesaid vehicles;
 - (iii) separately, the model and the value of each of the vehicles so imported; and
 - (iv) the reasons for importing the aforesaid vehicles?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the V.T. Nanayakkara Park located on the Matale—Kumbiyangoda Road belongs to the Matale Municipal Council ;
 - (ii) a large number of valuable trees in this park have been felled and removed by now ; and
 - (iii) as a result of the machinery used for felling trees, the other property of the park has been damaged?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total extent of land of the above park ;
 - (ii) of the details of the property belonging to it ;
 - (iii) whether the approval of the Matale Municipal Council has been obtained for felling trees of the park ; and
 - (iv) of the measures be taken to recover the losses caused to the property of the park as a result of the machinery used for felling trees?
- (c) If not, why ?

1805/11

5.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the VIPs who enjoy the privilege of using the helicopters belonging to the Sri Lanka Air Force ;
 - (ii) of the occasions where the aforesaid VIPs can use the helicopters of the Air Force ;
 - (iii) separately, of the VIPs who used the helicopters of the Air Force in each year during the period of past three years ;
 - (iv) the number of air trips made in helicopters annually by each of the aforesaid VIPs ; and
 - (v) Separately, the total amount of money spent annually by the Sri Lanka Air Force on the said air trips?
- (b) If not, why ?

1908/11

6.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the basic qualification required for a person to be appointed to the post of permanent producer in the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation;
 - (ii) the number of permanent producers currently serving in the Tamil Service of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation; and
 - (iii) the detailed qualifications of each of the aforesaid permanent producers ?
- (b) If not, why?

1923/'11

7.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the locations of the coconut nurseries that are under the Coconut Cultivation Board ;
 - (ii) whether seed coconuts for the aforesaid nurseries are obtained from the selected mother plants ; and
 - (iii) if so, the number of parent plants and the number of estates that have parent plants?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of coconut saplings issued in the year 2010 ; and
 - (ii) the number of coconut saplings issued in the Yala and Maha seasons of the years 2009 and 2010, separately, from the aforesaid coconut nurseries?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) of the acreage of land under the Coconut Research Board ;
 - (ii) of the number of coconut saplings issued by the Coconut Research Board in the year 2010 ;
 - (iii) of the methodology used for making seed coconut nurseries ;
 - (iv) from which institutes the Coconut Research Board obtains seed coconuts ;
 - (v) of the number of seed coconuts issued by those institutes in 2009/2010 ;
 - (vi) whether he admits the fact that those seed coconuts have not been obtained from healthy mother plants ; and
 - (vii) if so, what action will he taken in this regard?
- (d) If not, why ?

2030/'11

8.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that arrangements have already been made for the people to have access to Election results and various other information through the website of the Department of Elections under the facility provided for the people to have access to various information of all Ministries and Government Departments through the Internet?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether the Electoral Register of the citizens of Sri Lanka has been included in the website of the Department of Elections ;
 - (ii) if not, the reasons for it ; and
 - (iii) if there is a website which contains the electoral register, what it is?
- (c) Will he state whether he will take steps to include the Electoral Register as well in the website of the Department of Elections since the inclusion to the Electoral Register in the internet will facilitate the voters and the representatives of each party to obtain information and to promptly inform the relevant authorities of any information that needs to be amended ?
- (d) If not, why ?

0655/10

9.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he submit this House—
- (i) the number of students entered the Sri Lankan universities for last 3 years on per year basis;
 - (ii) the number of Mahapola Scholarships given to the undergraduates for the last 20 years, on per year basis;
 - (iii) the comparison of the aforesaid numbers with the total number of students entered the Sri Lankan Universities in each year during the aforesaid period of time;
 - (iv) the amount of money paid out as stipends of the scholarship holders on per year basis for the last 6 years; and
 - (v) the revenue that comes into the Mahapola Scholarship Fund per year basis for the last 10 years?
- (b) If not, why?

1398/11

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Kudahilla bridge on the Matara - Beliatta road in the Matara District, is in a severe state of dilapidation owing to disrepair;
 - (ii) surveying activities have been carried out at many occasions for the purpose of repairing this bridge?

(17)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether construction activities of this bridge will be started soon;
 - (ii) if so, the date;
 - (iii) whether funds for this purpose have been allocated by now?
- (c) If not, why?

1664/'11

11.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the amount of chicken imported from India by Lanka Sathosa during the latter half of 2010 and the first half of 2011;
 - (ii) the amount paid to India per kilo of meat imported;
 - (iii) the locations where such stocks of chicken were stored;
 - (iv) the date on which chicken was released for consumption from the stores, the amount released and the institutions that obtained the meat, separately, with respect to each storehouse;
 - (v) the amount that remained in the storehouses out of the said stocks of chicken, by June 2011; and
 - (vi) the measures taken with regard to the remaining stocks?
- (b) If not, why?

1802/'11

12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the land in close proximity to the 'Devala' on the access road to the Higgolla main cemetery, Matale belongs to the Matale Municipal Council?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether the aforesaid land is being used for a purpose of the Municipal Council or any other activity ;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid land has been handed over for the use of Municipal Council or; and
 - (iii) if so, the basis on which it has been handed over?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the lands belonging to the Matale Municipal Council can be handed over for personal use ;
 - (ii) whether provisions have been made in the Local Government Act to hand over lands belonging to a Municipal Council in this manner ; and
 - (iii) if so, the procedure to be adopted by a Municipal Council when doing so?
- (d) If not, why ?

1806/'11

13.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the main objective of implementing “Mathata Thitha” programme under the Mahinda Chinthana policy framework ;
 - (ii) of the number of liquor licences issued on district basis for the sale of liquor, in each year from the date of implementation of “Mathata Thitha” programme up to now ;
 - (iii) separately, of liquor sold in each year within the last five years ; and
 - (iv) of the progress achieved through the implementation of “Mathata Thitha” programme within the last few years?
- (b) If not, why ?

1924/'11

14.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the year in which the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage was started ;
 - (ii) the number of elephants in it at the inception ;
 - (iii) the number of elephants born in the elephant orphanage from the beginning up to date ; and
 - (iv) the number of elephants and tuskers released to the jungle?
 - (v) the number of elephants that have died in the elephant orphanage in each year since its start?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the age of the calf elephant which was obtained from the Pinnawala elephant orphanage and offered to the Matara Aluthnuwara Devala by the President ; and
 - (ii) whether the mother of that calf is alive?
- (c) If not, why ?

2031/'11

15.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) at present, many private educational institutes exist in Sri Lanka on the pretext of affiliated institutions of various international universities and function under the names of such universities ;
 - (ii) a large number of students who have lost the opportunity to gain admission to state universities attempt to enter the aforesaid educational institutions ;
 - (iii) among them, there are children of ordinary families who are not in a position to afford it ;
 - (iv) some of the aforesaid educational institutions are being run merely with the objective of making money ; and
 - (v) some institutions have issued certificates with no recognition whatsoever?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether there has been a census conducted on private educational institutions that function in Sri Lanka at present under the names of various International Universities ;
 - (ii) if so, the number of such institutions ; and
 - (iii) their names?
- (c) Will he state whether steps will be taken to prepare a programme to make it compulsory to obtain a formal registration, following a quality and standard test for maintaining such educational institutions?
- (d) If not, why ?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS
(Wednesday, January 18, 2012)

0944/'10

1.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the schools with needs for buildings ;
- (ii) the number of buildings needed by such schools ;
- (iii) the number of schools without sanitary facilities ; and
- (iv) the names and addresses of such schools;

out of the government schools administered by the Weligama Divisional Education Office coming under the purview of the Matara Zonal Education Office of the Matara District?

(b) Will he admit that a qualitative and quantitative development of education will take place through the fulfillment of above needs?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether action will be taken to allocate financial provisions required for the fulfillment of above needs ; and
- (ii) if so, the period of time to be taken for this purpose?

(d) If not, why ?

0945/'10

2.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the schools with needs for buildings ;
- (ii) the number of buildings needed by such schools ;
- (iii) the number of schools without sanitary facilities ; and
- (iv) the names and addresses of such schools;

out of the government schools administered by the Pasgoda Divisional Education Office coming under the purview of the Deniyaya Zonal Education Office of the Matara District?

(b) Will he admit that a qualitative and quantitative development of education will take place through the fulfillment of above needs?

- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to allocate financial provisions required for the fulfillment of above needs ; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time to be taken for this purpose?
- (d) If not, why ?

0946/'10

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the schools with needs for buildings ;
 - (ii) the number of buildings needed by such schools ;
 - (iii) the number of schools without sanitary facilities ; and
 - (iv) the names and addresses of such schools;

out of the government schools administered by the Kotapola Divisional Education Office coming under the purview of the Deniyaya Zonal Education Office of the Matara District?
- (b) Will he admit that a qualitative and quantitative development of education will take place through the fulfillment of above needs?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to allocate financial provisions required for the fulfillment of above needs ; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time to be taken for this purpose?
- (d) If not, why ?

0947/'10

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the schools with needs for buildings ;
 - (ii) the number of buildings needed by such schools ;
 - (iii) the number of schools without sanitary facilities ; and
 - (iv) the names and addresses of such schools;

out of the government schools administered by the Dikwella Divisional Education Office coming under the purview of the Matara Zonal Education Office of the Matara District?
- (b) Will he admit that a qualitative and quantitative development of education will take place through the fulfillment of above needs?

- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to allocate financial provisions required for the fulfillment of above needs ; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time to be taken for this purpose?
- (d) If not, why ?

0948/' 10

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the schools with needs for buildings ;
 - (ii) the number of buildings needed by such schools ;
 - (iii) the number of schools without sanitary facilities ; and
 - (iv) the names and addresses of such schools;out of the government schools administered by the Devinuwara Divisional Education Office coming under the purview of the Matara Zonal Education Office of the Matara District?
- (b) Will he admit that a qualitative and quantitative development of education will take place through the fulfillment of above needs?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to allocate financial provisions required for the fulfillment of above needs ; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time to be taken for this purpose?
- (d) If not, why ?

0949/' 10

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the schools with needs for buildings ;
 - (ii) the number of buildings needed by such schools ;
 - (iii) the number of schools without sanitary facilities ; and
 - (iv) the names and addresses of such schools;out of the government schools administered by the Thihagoda Divisional Education Office coming under the purview of the Mulatiyana Zonal Education Office of the Matara District?
- (b) Will he admit that a qualitative and quantitative development of education will take place through the fulfillment of above needs?

- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to allocate financial provisions required for the fulfillment of above needs ; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time to be taken for this purpose?
- (d) If not, why ?

0950/'10

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the schools with needs for buildings ;
 - (ii) the number of buildings needed by such schools ;
 - (iii) the number of schools without sanitary facilities ; and
 - (iv) the names and addresses of such schools;out of the government schools administered by the Malimbada Divisional Education Office coming under the purview of the Akuressa Zonal Education Office of the Matara District?
- (b) Will he admit that a qualitative and quantitative development of education will take place through the fulfillment of above needs?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to allocate financial provisions required for the fulfillment of above needs ; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time to be taken for this purpose?
- (d) If not, why ?

0951/'10

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the schools with needs for buildings ;
 - (ii) the number of buildings needed by such schools ;
 - (iii) the number of schools without sanitary facilities ; and
 - (iv) the names and addresses of such schools;out of the government schools administered by the Hakmana Divisional Education Office coming under the purview of the Mulatiyana Zonal Education Office of the Matara District?

- (b) Will he admit that a qualitative and quantitative development of education will take place through the fulfillment of above needs?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to allocate financial provisions required for the fulfillment of above needs ; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time to be taken for this purpose?
- (d) If not, why ?

0952/' 10

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the schools with needs for buildings ;
 - (ii) the number of buildings needed by such schools ;
 - (iii) the number of schools without sanitary facilities ; and
 - (iv) the names and addresses of such schools;out of the government schools administered by the Kamburuptiya Divisional Education Office coming under the purview of the Mulatiyana Zonal Education Office of the Matara District?
- (b) Will he admit that a qualitative and quantitative development of education will take place through the fulfillment of above needs?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to allocate financial provisions required for the fulfillment of above needs ; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time to be taken for this purpose?
- (d) If not, why ?

0953/' 10

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the schools with needs for buildings ;
 - (ii) the number of buildings needed by such schools ;
 - (iii) the number of schools without sanitary facilities ; and
 - (iv) the names and addresses of such schools;out of the government schools administered by the Akuressa Divisional Education Office coming under the purview of the Akuressa Zonal Education Office of the Matara District?

- (b) Will he admit that a qualitative and quantitative development of education will take place through the fulfillment of above needs?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to allocate financial provisions required for the fulfillment of above needs ; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time to be taken for this purpose?
- (d) If not, why ?

0954/' 10

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the schools with needs for buildings ;
 - (ii) the number of buildings needed by such schools ;
 - (iii) the number of schools without sanitary facilities ; and
 - (iv) the names and addresses of such schools;

out of the government schools administered by the Welipitiya Divisional Education Office coming under the purview of the Akuressa Zonal Education Office of the Matara District?
- (b) Will he admit that a qualitative and quantitative development of education will take place through the fulfillment of above needs?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to allocate financial provisions required for the fulfillment of above needs ; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time to be taken for this purpose?
- (d) If not, why ?

0955/' 10

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the schools with needs for buildings;
 - (ii) the number of buildings needed by such schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools without sanitary facilities;
 - (iv) the names and addresses of such schools;

out of the government schools administered by the Morawaka Divisional Education Office coming under the purview of the Deniyaya Zonal Education Office of the Matara District ?

- (b) Will he admit that a qualitative and quantitative development of education will take place through the fulfillment of above needs ?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to allocate financial provisions required for the fulfillment of above needs;
 - (ii) if so, the period of time to be taken for this purpose ?
- (d) If not, why ?

Thursday, January 19, 2012

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0656/10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the 10 biggest government departments in the country;
 - (ii) as to how they are deemed as within the 10 biggest departments;
 - (iii) the capital deployed in to each entity and the number of workers at present;
 - (iv) the profit or loss of each department for the last 5 years to date on per year basis; and
 - (v) the market share of each department?
- (b) Will he state whether the loss making entities out of aforesaid departments could be made profitable?
- (c) If not, why?

1234/11

2.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(3)

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Foreign Employment promotion and Welfare on the 'Deyata kirula' exhibition in 2011?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the expenditure borne by each institution and department of the Ministry on that exhibition;
 - (ii) the functions carried out by those institutions and departments; and
 - (iii) separately, the amount of money spent on each of those functions?

- (c) Will he state the Head of Expenditure of the Ministry out of which funds were allocated from the last Budget for the above mentioned expenses?
- (d) If not, why?

1401/'11

3.

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

- (a) Is he aware that even though the foundation stone has been laid before three years back and construction work has been commenced to construct a bridge across the Mahaweli River at Watawala area, Hatton belonging to the Ambagamuwa Pradeshiya Sabha area in the Nuwaraeliya District, the construction work has come to a halt?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the reasons for the suspension of construction activities;
 - (ii) of the date proposed for the completion of work; and
 - (iii) of the estimated amount of money for the completion of work of the aforesaid bridge?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether tenders have been called;
 - (ii) of the names of institutions which submitted the tenders; and
 - (iii) of the bids quoted in the tenders submitted for the construction of the aforesaid bridge?
- (d) Will he inform this House of the name of the country which granted aid, if the total estimated cost for the construction of the aforesaid bridge is obtained from foreign funds?
- (e) If not, why?

1489/'11

4.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Private Transport Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of advisors who serve under the Ministry of Private Transport Services at present;
 - (ii) their names, educational qualifications and responsibilities;
 - (iii) the salaries and allowances paid to them;
 - (iv) the total of all the allowances paid during the previous month?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the names of the advisors to whom official vehicles have been provided, the number of official vehicles provided and the details of those vehicles;
 - (ii) separately of the fuel allowance provided to each advisor, if they are provided with a fuel allowance?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the names of the advisors to whom telephone facilities have been provided by now if telephone facilities are provided to them;
 - (ii) separately of the amount of the telephone allowance paid to each advisor, if they are paid a telephone allowance?
- (d) If not, why?

1665/'11

5.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether the Ministry of Petroleum Industries has taken a decision to obtain a loan from a state or private bank to import oil during this year;
 - (ii) if so, the value of that loan in rupees; and
 - (iii) the reasons that led to obtain such an amount as a loan?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) if the Ministry of Petroleum Industries has obtained loans previously, the value of such loans;
 - (ii) the institutions from which such loans were obtained;
 - (iii) the purpose for which such loans were utilized; and
 - (iv) the current outstanding amount to be paid back along with the interest ?
- (c) If not, why?

1846/11

6.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans have been made to operate 50 farms in the Mahaweli zones; and
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to start the construction work of those farms soon?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to start a programme to supply Mahaweli products to the consumers at reasonable prices?
- (c) If not, why?

2043/11

7.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Divisional Health Service Divisions in the Eastern Province ;
 - (ii) whether necessary provisions have been made for the government health service institutions in the Divisional Health Service Divisions to provide services ; and
 - (iii) if so, the amount allocated for each Health Service Division separately?
- (b) If not, why ?

2077/11

8.

Hon. Abdul Haleem,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Many villages in the Akurana Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kandy District have been provided with drinking water facilities by the water supply scheme commenced on Finland aid in 1980?
 - (ii) How ever Alawathugoda area in the Akurana Divisional Secretariat Division is provided with drinking water only for a few hours once a fortnight; and
 - (iii) Further the residents of Kendagolla , Balakaduwa, Siestan place, Nagahapitiya, Wendesiwatta (Auctioned land), Hipitiya, Delgasgoda, Arambepola and Mawathupola including Alawathugoda town in the Same Divisional Secretariat Division are faced with a severe shortage of drinking water?

- (b) Will he inform this House whether the drinking water facility provided to most villages in the Akurana Divisional Secretariat Division throughout the 24 hours daily with the waters of the Mahaweli river, will be accorded to the above villages too?
- (c) If not, why?

0657/10

9.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the 30 biggest state owned enterprises in the country;
 - (ii) as to how they are deemed as within the 30 biggest state owned enterprise ;
 - (iii) the capital deployed in to each entity and the number of workers at present;
 - (iv) the profit or loss of each entity for the last 5 years to date, on per year basis; and
 - (v) the market share of each state owned enterprise?
- (b) Will he state whether each loss making entity out of aforesaid enterprises could be made profitable?
- (c) If not, why?

1243/11

10.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Education on the 'Deyata kirula' exhibition in 2011?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the expenditure borne by each institution and department of the Ministry on that exhibition separately;
 - (ii) the functions carried out by those institutions and departments; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on each of those functions separately ?
- (c) Will he state the Head of Expenditure of the Ministry out of which funds were allocated from the last Budget for the above mentioned expenses?
- (d) If not, why?

1501/'11

11.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform of this House—
 - (i) of the number of schools ;
 - (ii) of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those schools ;
 - (iii) separately of the number of students and the number of teachers in each of those schools ; and
 - (iv) the number of schools with the number of students as 1-25, 26-50, 51-75 and 76-100 and their names ;

in Baddegama Education Division which comes under Galle Education Zone of Galle district?

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there are overstaffed schools in that Division ;
 - (ii) what those schools are ; and
 - (iii) separately, the subjects with respect to which each of those schools is overstaffed and the number of teachers in excess?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the schools with a shortage of teachers in aforesaid Education Division ;
 - (ii) separately of the subjects with respect to which a shortage of teachers exists at each of those schools and the number of teachers in shortfall ;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to address that shortage of teachers ; and
 - (iv) if so, the time frame required for that?
- (d) If not, why?

1571/'11

12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that as a result of the run-down roof and walls of a building that houses four classrooms in Ga/Seevali Maha Vidyalaya, Ethkandura belonging to the Elpitiya Zonal Education Office of the Galle District, the students of the aforesaid school have to carry out their educational activities under highly insecure conditions?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans have been made to repair the aforesaid building promptly;
 - (ii) if so, the financial allocation set aside for the purpose; and
 - (iii) the date, if renovation activities are to be started?
- (c) If not, why?

1666/'11

13.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of gold reserves in possession of Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) separately, of the amount of gold reserves held by Sri Lanka annually from 2005;
 - (iii) whether a portion of the gold reserves that existed in 2011 has been sold;
 - (iv) if so, of the amount of gold that was sold;
 - (v) the reasons for selling gold in that manner;
 - (vi) the country or persons who purchased the aforesaid gold;
 - (vii) the amount of money earned by selling of gold; and
 - (viii) as to which purpose the said money was used?
- (b) If not, why?

1847/'11

14.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is an arrangement in place to provide houses to minor employees at the Hambantota Saltern ; and
 - (ii) the cost incurred to construct one house?
- (b) Will he state the period during which these houses are expected to be transferred to these employees?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Family Health Service Divisions coming under the offices of the Divisional Medical Officers of Health in the Eastern Province ; and
 - (ii) whether action has been taken to appoint Family Health Service Officers for each of the Family Health Service Divisions?
- (b) If not, why ?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Thursday, January 19, 2012)

1.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform of this House—
 - (i) of the number of schools ;
 - (ii) of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those schools ; and
 - (iii) separately of the number of students and the number of teachers in each of those schools ;
 - (iv) the number of schools with the number of students as 1-25, 26-50, 51-75 and 76-100 and their names ;

in Habaraduwa Education Division which comes under Galle Education Zone of Galle district?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there are overstaffed schools in that Division ;
 - (ii) what those schools are ; and
 - (iii) separately, the subjects with respect to which each of those schools is overstaffed and the number of teachers in excess?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the schools with a shortage of teachers in aforesaid Education Division ;
 - (ii) separately of the subjects with respect to which a shortage of teachers exists at each of those schools and the number of teachers in shortfall ;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to address that shortage of teachers ; and
 - (iv) if so, the time frame required for that?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

(a) Will he inform of this House—

- (i) of the number of schools ;
- (ii) of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those schools ;
and
- (iii) separately of the number of students and the number of teachers in
each of those schools ;
- (iv) the number of schools with the number of students as 1-25, 26-50,
51-75 and 76-100 and their names ;

in Galle Education Division which comes under Galle Education Zone of
Galle district?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether there are overstaffed schools in that Division ;
- (ii) what those schools are ; and
- (iii) separately, the subjects with respect to which each of those schools
is overstaffed and the number of teachers in excess?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the schools with a shortage of teachers in aforesaid Education
Division ;
- (ii) separately of the subjects with respect to which a shortage of
teachers exists at each of those schools and the number of teachers
in shortfall ;
- (iii) whether steps will be taken to address that shortage of teachers ; and
- (iv) if so, the time frame required for that?

(d) If not, why?

3.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform of this House—
 - (i) of the number of schools ;
 - (ii) of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those schools ;
and
 - (iii) separately of the number of students and the number of teachers in
each of those schools ;
 - (iv) the number of schools with the number of students as 1-25, 26-50,
51-75 and 76-100 and their names ;

in Akmemana Education Division which comes under Galle Education
Zone of Galle district?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there are overstaffed schools in that Division ;
 - (ii) what those schools are ; and
 - (iii) separately, the subjects with respect to which each of those schools
is overstaffed and the number of teachers in excess?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the schools with a shortage of teachers in aforesaid Education
Division ;
 - (ii) separately of the subjects with respect to which a shortage of
teachers exists at each of those schools and the number of teachers
in shortfall ;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to address that shortage of teachers ; and
 - (iv) if so, the time frame required for that?
- (d) If not, why?

4.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform of this House—
 - (i) of the number of schools ;
 - (ii) of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those schools ;
and
 - (iii) separately of the number of students and the number of teachers in each of those schools ;
 - (iv) the number of schools with the number of students as 1-25, 26-50, 51-75 and 76-100 and their names ;

in Walwitiya Diwithura Education Division which comes under Elpitiya Education Zone of Galle district?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there are overstaffed schools in that Division ;
 - (ii) what those schools are ; and
 - (iii) separately, the subjects with respect to which each of those schools is overstaffed and the number of teachers in excess?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the schools with a shortage of teachers in aforesaid Education Division ;
 - (ii) separately of the subjects with respect to which a shortage of teachers exists at each of those schools and the number of teachers in shortfall ;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to address that shortage of teachers ; and
 - (iv) if so, the time frame required for that?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform of this House—
- (i) of the number of schools ;
 - (ii) of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those schools ;
and
 - (iii) separately of the number of students and the number of teachers in each of those schools ;
 - (iv) the number of schools with the number of students as 1-25, 26-50, 51-75 and 76-100 and their names ;
- in Niyagama Education Division which comes under Elpitiya Education Zone of Galle district?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether there are overstaffed schools in that Division ;
 - (ii) what those schools are ; and
 - (iii) separately, the subjects with respect to which each of those schools is overstaffed and the number of teachers in excess?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the schools with a shortage of teachers in aforesaid Education Division ;
 - (ii) separately of the subjects with respect to which a shortage of teachers exists at each of those schools and the number of teachers in shortfall ;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to address that shortage of teachers ; and
 - (iv) if so, the time frame required for that?
- (d) If not, why?

1507/'11

6.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform of this House—
 - (i) of the number of schools ;
 - (ii) of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those schools ; and
 - (iii) separately of the number of students and the number of teachers in each of those schools ;
 - (iv) the number of schools with the number of students as 1-25, 26-50, 51-75 and 76-100 and their names ;in Karadeniya Education Division which comes under Elpitiya Education Zone of Galle district?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there are overstaffed schools in that Division ;
 - (ii) what those schools are ; and
 - (iii) separately, the subjects with respect to which each of those schools is overstaffed and the number of teachers in excess?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the schools with a shortage of teachers in aforesaid Education Division ;
 - (ii) separately of the subjects with respect to which a shortage of teachers exists at each of those schools and the number of teachers in shortfall ;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to address that shortage of teachers ; and
 - (iv) if so, the time frame required for that?
- (d) If not, why?

1508/'11

7.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform of this House—
 - (i) of the number of schools ;
 - (ii) of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those schools ; and
 - (iii) separately of the number of students and the number of teachers in each of those schools ;
 - (iv) the number of schools with the number of students as 1-25, 26-50, 51-75 and 76-100 and their names ;in Bentota Education Division which comes under Elpitiya Education Zone of Galle district?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether there are overstaffed schools in that Division ;
 - (ii) what those schools are ; and
 - (iii) separately, the subjects with respect to which each of those schools is overstaffed and the number of teachers in excess?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the schools with a shortage of teachers in aforesaid Education Division ;
 - (ii) separately of the subjects with respect to which a shortage of teachers exists at each of those schools and the number of teachers in shortfall ;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to address that shortage of teachers ; and
 - (iv) if so, the time frame required for that?
- (d) If not, why?

1509/11

8.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform of this House—
- (i) of the number of schools ;
 - (ii) of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those schools ; and
 - (iii) separately of the number of students and the number of teachers in each of those schools ;
 - (iv) the number of schools with the number of students as 1-25, 26-50, 51-75 and 76-100 and their names ;
- in Elpitiya Education Division which comes under Elpitiya Education Zone of Galle district?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether there are overstaffed schools in that Division ;
 - (ii) what those schools are ; and
 - (iii) separately, the subjects with respect to which each of those schools is overstaffed and the number of teachers in excess?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the schools with a shortage of teachers in aforesaid Education Division ;
 - (ii) separately of the subjects with respect to which a shortage of teachers exists at each of those schools and the number of teachers in shortfall ;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to address that shortage of teachers ; and
 - (iv) if so, the time frame required for that?
- (d) If not, why?

1510/11

9.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform of this House—
- (i) of the number of schools ;
 - (ii) of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those schools ; and
 - (iii) separately of the number of students and the number of teachers in each of those schools ;
 - (iv) the number of schools with the number of students as 1-25, 26-50, 51-75 and 76-100 and their names ;
- in Balapitiya Education Division which comes under Ambalangoda Education Zone of Galle district?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether there are overstaffed schools in that Division ;
 - (ii) what those schools are ; and
 - (iii) separately, the subjects with respect to which each of those schools is overstaffed and the number of teachers in excess?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the schools with a shortage of teachers in aforesaid Education Division ;
 - (ii) separately of the subjects with respect to which a shortage of teachers exists at each of those schools and the number of teachers in shortfall ;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to address that shortage of teachers ; and
 - (iv) if so, the time frame required for that?
- (d) If not, why?

1511/'11

10.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform of this House—
- (i) of the number of schools ;
 - (ii) of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those schools ;
and
 - (iii) separately of the number of students and the number of teachers in each of those schools ;
 - (iv) the number of schools with the number of students as 1-25, 26-50, 51-75 and 76-100 and their names ;
- in Ambalangoda Education Division which comes under Ambalangoda Education Zone of Galle district?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether there are overstaffed schools in that Division ;
 - (ii) what those schools are ; and
 - (iii) separately, the subjects with respect to which each of those schools is overstaffed and the number of teachers in excess?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the schools with a shortage of teachers in aforesaid Education Division ;
 - (ii) separately of the subjects with respect to which a shortage of teachers exists at each of those schools and the number of teachers in shortfall ;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to address that shortage of teachers ; and
 - (iv) if so, the time frame required for that?
- (d) If not, why?

1512/'11

11.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform of this House—
- (i) of the number of schools ;
 - (ii) of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those schools ;
and
 - (iii) separately of the number of students and the number of teachers in each of those schools ;
 - (iv) the number of schools with the number of students as 1-25, 26-50, 51-75 and 76-100 and their names ;
- in Hikkaduwa Education Division which comes under Ambalangoda Education Zone of Galle district?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether there are overstaffed schools in that Division ;
 - (ii) what those schools are ; and
 - (iii) separately, the subjects with respect to which each of those schools is overstaffed and the number of teachers in excess?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the schools with a shortage of teachers in aforesaid Education Division ;
 - (ii) separately of the subjects with respect to which a shortage of teachers exists at each of those schools and the number of teachers in shortfall ;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to address that shortage of teachers ; and
 - (iv) if so, the time frame required for that?
- (d) If not, why?

1513/11

12.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform of this House—
- (i) of the number of schools ;
 - (ii) of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those schools ; and
 - (iii) separately of the number of students and the number of teachers in each of those schools ;
 - (iv) the number of schools with the number of students as 1-25, 26-50, 51-75 and 76-100 and their names ;
- in Mapalagama Education Division which comes under Udugama Education Zone of Galle district?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether there are overstaffed schools in that Division ;
 - (ii) what those schools are ; and
 - (iii) separately, the subjects with respect to which each of those schools is overstaffed and the number of teachers in excess?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the schools with a shortage of teachers in aforesaid Education Division ;
 - (ii) separately of the subjects with respect to which a shortage of teachers exists at each of those schools and the number of teachers in shortfall ;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to address that shortage of teachers ; and
 - (iv) if so, the time frame required for that?
- (d) If not, why?

1514/11

13.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform of this House—
- (i) of the number of schools ;
 - (ii) of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those schools ; and
 - (iii) separately of the number of students and the number of teachers in each of those schools ;
 - (iv) the number of schools with the number of students as 1-25, 26-50, 51-75 and 76-100 and their names ;
- in Thawalama Education Division which comes under Udugama Education Zone of Galle district?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether there are overstaffed schools in that Division ;
 - (ii) what those schools are ; and
 - (iii) separately, the subjects with respect to which each of those schools is overstaffed and the number of teachers in excess?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the schools with a shortage of teachers in aforesaid Education Division ;
 - (ii) separately of the subjects with respect to which a shortage of teachers exists at each of those schools and the number of teachers in shortfall ;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to address that shortage of teachers ; and
 - (iv) if so, the time frame required for that?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

(a) Will he inform of this House—

- (i) of the number of schools ;
- (ii) of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those schools ;
and
- (iii) separately of the number of students and the number of teachers in
each of those schools ;
- (iv) the number of schools with the number of students as 1-25, 26-50,
51-75 and 76-100 and their names ;

in Yakkalamulla Education Division which comes under Udugama
Education Zone of Galle district?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether there are overstaffed schools in that Division ;
- (ii) what those schools are ; and
- (iii) separately, the subjects with respect to which each of those schools
is overstaffed and the number of teachers in excess?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the schools with a shortage of teachers in aforesaid Education
Division ;
- (ii) separately of the subjects with respect to which a shortage of
teachers exists at each of those schools and the number of teachers
in shortfall ;
- (iii) whether steps will be taken to address that shortage of teachers ; and
- (iv) if so, the time frame required for that?

(d) If not, why?

15.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately and on per year basis the number of Buddhist temples that existed in Sri Lanka from 2005 to 2010 ;
- (ii) the names addresses and telephone numbers of those temples ;
- (iii) the number of temples that existed in Sri Lanka from 1993 to 2005 ;
and
- (iv) separately and on per year basis, the number of temples without Chief incumbents during that period?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of ordained monks that resided in the temples in Sri Lanka from 1993 to 2011 ;
- (ii) the number of monks who disrobed during that period ;
- (iii) separately the number of monks that disrobed in January, February and March, 2011 ; and
- (iv) the reasons for disrobing?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the steps taken to develop the temples in the undeveloped areas ;
and
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to provide a sum of at least Rs. 5,000/- to temples in poor areas?

(d) If not, why ?

Friday, January 20, 2012
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0658/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the Government Institution that monitors Financial Activities and Regulations in the country; and
 - (ii) as to when the Central Bank of Sri Lanka was brought into existence?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reason for bankruptcies of Finance Companies that have gone bankrupt from 2005 to date ; and
 - (ii) the actions being taken by the Supervising Unit of Central Bank whilst the aforesaid Finance Companies have been badly run?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the total money in default by Cash Finance Companies ;
 - (ii) the number of depositors, who were paid;
 - (iii) the amount paid to them ; and
 - (iv) the name of the Governor of the Central Bank during the aforesaid period?
- (d) If not, why?

1145/'11

2.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(3)

- (a) Will he state separately —
 - (i) the number of Sri Lankans who were sent to South Korea by the government in each year during the period from the year 2005 up to October 2010; and
 - (ii) on district basis the number of skilled workers and unskilled workers out of the aforesaid number of persons?
- (b) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the value of the air ticket of one person who was sent to South Korea for employment;
 - (ii) the amount of money charged from one person out of the aforesaid value; and
 - (iii) the amount paid by the government ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3.

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

- (a) Is he aware that about 17 families of estate workers of Uva Highland located at the Haliela Divisional Secretariat Division of the Badulla District have been living in a temporary camps put up in a Kovil for several months due to non-repair of their houses and landslides?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there is a plan to provide them with new houses in order to make the lives of these families secure; and
 - (ii) if so, the area from which new houses will be provided?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to grant them at least a plot of land from a suitable place, if houses are not provided for these estate worker families of Uva Highland Estate;
 - (ii) if so, the area from which lands will be provided; and
 - (iii) the period of time to be taken for providing them with lands?
- (d) If not, why?

4.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the extent of the land, close to the Beach Garden in Panadura on which the official residence of Panadura Magistrate is located ;
 - (ii) the owners of that land ;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid official residence was damaged by the Tsunami that occurred on 26-12-2004 ; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent to repair the damaged official residence and the surrounding parapet wall?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) this official residence of the Panadura Magistrate and the land on which it is located have been leased out to a private institution to run a cafeteria ; and
 - (ii) the Panadura Magistrate is without an official residence, at present?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) The persons who recommended this lease and gave approval to it ;
 - (ii) whether he will table the relevant lease agreement ;
 - (iii) whether he admits the fact that an irregularity or an act of corruption has taken place at the transfer of the ownership of the above property ; and
 - (iv) if so, the course of action to be initiated against those responsible for it?
- (d) If not, why?

1691/11

5.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of service agreements made by the Department of Posts with the government and private sector institutions;
 - (ii) the institutions with whom such agreements were made;
 - (iii) of the reasons for making the aforesaid agreements;
 - (iv) of the dates of commencement and termination of the service agreements made in relation to each institution;
 - (v) of the persons in authority who granted permission for the aforesaid agreements; and
 - (vi) of the loss or profit made by the Department of Post under the aforesaid agreements ?
- (b) If not, why?

1807/11

6.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the registered institutions in this country that can issue the vehicle emission test certificate ;
 - (ii) the amount that should be paid per vehicle to obtain the vehicle emission test certificate; and
 - (iii) the number of vehicle emission test certificates issued by the relevant institutions within the previous year ?

- (b) Is he aware that the vehicle emission test certificate that should be obtained for motor vehicle to minimize air pollution caused by such vehicle, is provided in a fraudulent manner?
- (c) the steps that will be taken to take legal action against those who issue and obtain fake vehicle emission test certificates in an illegal manner?
- (d) If not, why ?

1848/11

7.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is no Muslim Coroner to inquire into sudden deaths of Muslims in Moneragala district; and
 - (ii) due to that reason, the Muslims residing in the Divisional Secretariats of Moneragala, Wellawaya, Buttala, Badalkumbura, Medagama and Bibila in Moneragala district, face serious difficulties?
- (b) Will he state whether measures will be taken to appoint a Muslim Coroner, on the requirement of the Muslims of the said areas?
- (c) If not, why?

2045/11

8.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Health Centres have been constructed in all the Family Health Service Divisions in the Eastern Province ;
 - (ii) if not, the number of Family Health Service Divisions without Health Centre ;
 - (iii) the names of those Divisions ; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to construct Health Centres in Divisions where there are no Health Centres?
- (b) If not, why ?

2078/11

9.

Hon. Abdul Haleem,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. A.H.M. Nazeer who is serving as the Divisional Secretary of the Akurana Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kandy District has been transferred with effect from January 2012?

- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to appoint a Divisional Secretary who can perform duties in the Tamil language to the Akurana Divisional Secretariat Division which is predominantly inhabited by the Tamil Speaking Muslim and Tamil Communities (68%) ?
- (c) If not, why?

0765/'10

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,— (3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date commenced the operations, the initial capital and the total capital invested to date of Mihin Air;
 - (ii) the amounts of money infused to Mihin Air through Budgets and the date it was allocated;
 - (iii) the amount of money written off from its accounts and the date it was done;
 - (iv) the amount of capital injected as loans and the names of the banks granted the loans along with the dates granted; and
 - (v) the debt amortization per year?
- (b) Will inform this House—
 - (i) the total number of passengers and tonnage of cargo flown in Mihin Air per year to date;
 - (ii) the total revenue per year to date;
 - (iii) the required load factor to make Mihin Air profitable; and
 - (iv) the extent of load factor achieved as at today?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the government has given any Bank Guarantees to Mihin Air; and
 - (ii) if so, the values and the purposes of giving them?
- (d) If not, why?

1539/'11

11.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform of this House separately of—
- (i) the number of students in each grade and the total number of students ;
 - (ii) the number of teachers ; and
 - (iii) the number of students who applied for the admission to Grade One ;

at the beginning of each year from the year 2003 to year 2010, in Pussalkada Model Kanishta Vidyalaya belonging to Habaraduwa Education Division?

- (b) Will he state in this House—
- (i) whether he admits that there has been a progress in the school after the year 2004 ; and
 - (ii) the factors which contributed to that progress?
- (c) If not, why?

1577/'11

12.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Wayamba Dedicated Economic Centre located in Wariyapola, Galagedara in the Kurunegala district which was constructed four years ago, has not yet been made available for the use of the people?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total sum of money spent for its construction;
 - (ii) separately of the amounts of funds generated locally or from foreign sources for that purpose; and
 - (iii) of the sum of money spent to pay salaries of the Security Officers deployed for its security since the date on which the construction work was completed?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) as to why the dedicated Economic Centre the Construction work of which is complete, has not been made available for the use of people;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to make it available for the use of the people soon; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

1692/'11

13.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the acreage of paddy land under the Minipe Yodha Ela Project;
- (ii) in acres, the amount of paddy land cultivated in this season, out of the said paddy lands;
- (iii) whether action has been taken to release water to the cultivated paddy lands at appropriate times;
- (iv) if so, the dates on which water was released and the areas irrigated;
- (v) if water was not released in time the reasons for that; and
- (vi) whether action will be taken to pay compensation to the owners of paddy lands if they were destroyed as a result of water not being released?

(b) If not, why?

2047/'11

14.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Regional Health Services Divisions in the Northern Province ;
- (ii) whether the required allocations have been made to carryout health services from the Public Health Service Institutions functioning in the aforesaid Regional Health Services Divisions ; and
- (iii) if so, separately, of the amounts of money allocated for each Health Services Division?

(b) If not, why ?

2079/'11

15.

Hon. Abdul Haleem,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) out of the 35 Grama Niladhari Divisions of the Akurana Divisional Secretariat Division of the Kandy district, majority (95%) of the people in 20 Divisions use Tamil language;
- (ii) despite above mentioned situation, only 06 Grama Niladhari who are capable of conducting duties in Tamil language work in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division; and
- (iii) 05 vacancies for Grama Niladharies exist in the relevant Division at present?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether action will be taken to fill the above mentioned vacancies for Grama Niladharis;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to recruit officers who are capable of conducting duties in Tamil language to Akurana Divisional Secretariat Division when new Grama Niladhari appointments are given and attach them to the relevant Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (c) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Friday, January 20, 2012)

1146/11

1.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(3)

- (a) Will he state separately—
- (i) the number of Sri Lankans who were sent to Cyprus by the government in each year during the period from the year 2005 up to October 2010; and
 - (ii) on district basis, the number of skilled workers and unskilled workers out of the aforesaid number of persons ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the value of the air ticket of one person who was sent to Cyprus for employment;
 - (ii) the amount of money charged from one person out of the aforesaid value; and
 - (iii) the amount paid by the government ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1147/11

2.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately—
- (i) the number of Sri Lankans who were sent to Libya by the Government in each year during the period from the year 2005 to October 2010;
 - (ii) on district basis, the number of skilled workers and unskilled workers out of the aforesaid number of persons;

- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the value of the air-ticket of one person who was sent to Libya for employment;
 - (ii) the amount of money charged from one person out of the aforesaid value;
 - (iii) the amount paid by the government ?
- (c) If not, why?

1148/'11

3.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately —
- (i) the number of Sri Lankans who were sent to Japan by the Government in each year during the period from the year 2005 to October 2010;
 - (ii) on district basis, the number of skilled workers and unskilled workers out of the aforesaid number of persons;
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the value of the air-ticket of one person who was sent to Japan for employment;
 - (ii) the amount charged from one person out of the aforesaid value;
 - (iii) the amount paid by the government ?
- (c) If not, why?

1429/'11

4.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of National Heritage, —(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the funds received annually from each institution for Galle Heritage Foundation implemented with relevance to Galle Fort, from the day of its inception up to now?

- (b) Will he inform this House,—
- (i) whether there are independent sources of income for Galle Heritage Foundation;
 - (ii) if so, what those sources of income are and the date on which earning such income was commenced; and
 - (iii) separately of the income earned through each of those sources of income in each year?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether fees are charged for taking photographs and shooting films, teledramas or documentary programmes within Galle Fort;
 - (ii) if so, the method adopted for charging such fees;
 - (iii) the purpose of charging such fees;
 - (iv) separately, the amount earned annually up to now through such charging of fees; and
 - (v) separately the amount spent out of that money each year and the purpose for which those monies were spent?
- (d) If not, why?

1540/11

5.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of—
- (i) the number of students in each grade and the total number of students;
 - (ii) the number of teachers; and
 - (iii) the number of students who applied for the admission to Grade One; at the beginning of each year from the year 2003 to year 2010, in Harumalgoda West Kanishta Vidyalaya belonging to the Habaraduwa Education Division?

- (b) Will he state in this House—
- (i) whether he admits that there has been a progress in the school after the year 2004; and
 - (ii) the factors which contributed to that progress?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, February 10, 2012

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.7/ 10

1. 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.

P.8/ 10

2. Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Implementation of Private Members' Motions,— That this Parliament resolves 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

3. Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Playing National Anthem in Parliament,— That this Parliament resolves 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

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

P.11/ 10

5. 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

6. Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Making new Laws to regulate Contempt of Court proceedings,— That this Parliament resolves 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

7.

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

8.

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

9.

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

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Extension of retirement age,— That this Parliament resolves 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

11.

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

12.

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

13.

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

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of 1% return for employees in relation to inflation,— That this Parliament resolves that the Employees' 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

15.

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

16.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Establishment of a Conflict Resolution Centre,— That this Parliament resolves 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 that since Sri Lanka is a multi ethnic and multi religious country which has a national problem such as aberration of peace.

P.23/' 10

17.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of Pension Gratuity without delay,— That 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

18.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Appointment of a National Policy Formulation Board to determine National Policies,— That 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

19.

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.

P.26/' 10

20.

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

21.

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

22.

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

23.

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

24.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Refund of Employees' 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

25.

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 Authority.

P.32/10

26.

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.

P.33/10

27.

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.42/10

28.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— Amendment to Agricultural Development Act, No.46 of 2000,— That this Parliament resolves that the Agricultural Development Act, No.46 of 2000 be amended in order to remedy the great injustice caused to the tenant cultivators, mostly engaged in cultivation since their land ownership comes under various titles and whereas the tenant cultivation was abolished by the above Act, which resulted that the tenant cultivators had been deprived of their lands and numerous disputes have arisen due to lack of legal protection.

P.43/10

29.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— Conservation of the Ussangoda Mountain Site,— That this Parliament resolves since the Ussangoda mountain range area on the coastal belt in the south belonging to the Ambalantota Divisional Secretariat Division, popularly known as the Horton Plains of the South and identified as a site belonging to Middle Paleolithic has inherited an immense importance as an open settlement site from which twenty eight thousand years old geometrical tools and rocks have been discovered and also as a site extremely rich in marine and land bio-diversity and an ideal turtle habitat and as a wall that protected people from the Tsunami waves, hence it be declared an eco-system to be protected by immediately putting a stop to the project proposed to be launched there.

P.44/10

30.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Enacting Laws for free access to Government Information,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be enacted in Parliament for the right of people to have free access to all the information of the Government whereby their transparency would be maintained.

P.45/10

31.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Sri Lankans be afforded better opportunities for health,— That this Parliament resolves that all Sri Lankans be afforded better health opportunities as most of them are subject to open heart surgeries and for that purpose employees of the private sector must be provided with free facilities through Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund and in case of Public Servants or non employees by the Government through the President Fund with full cost.

P.46/10

32.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Protection of the World Environment,— That this Parliament resolves that Sri Lanka must pay more attention to the protection of the world environment and specially take action to prevent global warming.

P.47/10

33.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Telecasting of Parliamentary Proceedings,— That this Parliament resolves that live or censored Parliamentary Proceedings should be telecasted through the Television or Internet.

P.48/10

34.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Granting permission to vote for Sri Lankans living overseas,— That this Parliament resolves that Sri Lankans who are living overseas must be permitted to vote at future elections.

P.49/10

35.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Introduction of an Electronic Voting System,— That this Parliament resolves that an Electronic Voting System must be introduced for the present archaic Voting System.

P.50/'10

36.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— Implementation of a proper scientific plan for the protection of valuable natural resources of Sri Lanka and their surrounding areas,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper scientific plan be implemented to protect and promote the Sinharaja Forest, Kanneliya Forest Reserve, Roomassala Hill, the islands and the mangrove system of Koggala Oya and Madu Ganga, a Ramsar Wetland, which are considered as valuable natural resources not only of Sri Lanka but the whole world, and their surrounding areas.

P.51/'10

37.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— Taking action for the protection, promotion and proper utilization of the historical and archeological heritages of the Galle Fort and its surroundings,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken to protect and promote historical and archeological heritages of the Galle rampart, inside the Galle Fort and in the surroundings of the Galle Fort which is an important centre of the tourism industry, has a historical and archeological value and is considered as a world heritage site and to make the best use of this world heritage for the country by implementing a systematic plan with the participation of the community and the public sector institutions connected with it.

P.54/'10

38.

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Protecting the professional dignity of the medical field,— That this Parliament resolves since the ordinary patients are faced with grave problems and have become immensely helpless owing to doctors without necessary professional qualifications and experience practicing in the local and international medical field, and whereas the professionally qualified doctors in the medical field sustain disgrace in society as a result of it, that it is imperative to act properly, efficiently and lawfully in order to protect the professional dignity of the medical field.

P.55/'10

39.

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Ensuring media freedom and right to information,— That this Parliament resolves that all citizens of a democratic country be granted the opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding through free media, whereas right to information and expression has been established within the Constitution itself and there is no opportunity to hide or conceal the truth in a world where technology is developing.

P.56/'10

40.

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Creating a healthy society through sports,— That this Parliament resolves that a fair system devoid of racism and class divisions shall be drawn up at the government level so as to create a healthy society by encouraging children to take up sports in their childhood itself, to guide children with innate talents to the international level and to bring glory to the country by creating world renowned players.

P.57/'10

41.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Frequent update of the Register of Electors,— That this Parliament resolves that the Register of Electors must be an open list with frequent update rather than a list that gets updated only for 30 days of a month in the year.

P.59/'10

42.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Granting a Pension Scheme for the overseas work force,— That this Parliament resolves that a pension scheme should be devised to reward the overseas work force who sends their hard earned money to increase the wealth of Sri Lanka.

P.60/'10

43.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Awarding pensions for the armed personnel who served before 19th of May, 2009,— That this Parliament resolves that as the members of the Parliament are entitled to a pension in five years, the armed personnel who had been engaged in activities before the 19th of May, 2009 but have not completed the period of 22 years should also be entitled to a pension.

P.62/'10

44.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Introducing a special design to help people with restricted ability and mobility,— That this Parliament resolves that all new public buildings must have design features ensuring accessibility as specified by the law for the persons with restricted ability and mobility in order to optimize their remaining productivity and to minimize the unwanted dependency.

P.63/'10

45.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Enabling the right to vote,— This Parliament resolves that every individual above the age of eighteen must be allowed to vote as there is a big number of registered voters that have been deprived of voting and if an individual does not vote after the name appears on the register they should be fined.

P.64/'10

46.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Ensuring a corruption free world,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that Sri Lankan Parliamentarians get together and join global organizations of parliaments in eradicating corruption.

P.65/'10

47.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— Granting a higher position to the Quaziz Court System,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that the Quaziz Court System that was established in Sri Lanka under the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Ordinance of 1929 and subsequently amended under the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act in 1951 must be upgraded with powers vested with the Quaziz judges to adjudicate upon all matters concerned with disputes arising in Muslim families and also the status of the Quaziz Court System must be upgraded in such a manner where sittings be held in premises congenial to the dignity of the system and as the Quaziz judges are appointed by the Judicial Service Commission they should be placed on a respectable and an acceptable salary structure payable to other judicial officers.

P.69/10

48.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Repayment of funds of the depositor who are duped,— That this Parliament resolves that as there are many depositors who have been duped with the funds that have been deposited in the finance companies and these depositors or the delinquent companies have been promised by the government during the political campaign of 2009/2010 elections that they will be paid their outstanding, hence the Central Bank that is the custodian of these institutions should have been more diligent and the government must step in paying the depositors.

P.71/103

49.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Granting Justice of the Peace appointments to Indigenous Ayurvedic Doctors,— That this Parliament resolves that all the Indigenous Ayurvedic Doctors who have got themselves registered with the Ayurvedic Medical Council should be granted Justice of the Peace appointments as a token of respect to that service, as they render a great service, specially to the rural people, considering it as meeting their social obligation, without expecting money or privilege.

P.72/10

50.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a proper methodology for granting Justice of the Peace appointments,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper methodology for granting Justice of the Peace appointments be prepared as the dignity and recognition bestowed upon this office deteriorate as a result of granting Justice of the Peace appointments that are recognized by society and provide an immense service to society without accepted criteria.

P.74/10

51.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Solving the problems created by the Tsunami disaster,— That this Parliament resolves that an efficient programme be implemented to look into any kind of problem caused by the Tsunami disaster and remains unsolved, at Divisional Secretariat Division and District Secretariat Division level and to minimize such problems faced and to be faced by those Divisions.

P.75/10

52.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a national policy for home base workers,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper national policy on nearly one million home base workers who engage on various productions within various employment generating sectors of Sri Lanka be formulated by the political authority with the assistance of experts, scholars and intellectuals as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations in all related fields and that the aforesaid policy be implemented early.

P.76/10

53.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Utilizing paddy lands that can not be cultivated with paddy for productive purposes,— That this Parliament resolves that programmes be formulated in such a manner that the law on paddy lands reclamation is not violated, so paddy lands that are impossible to be cultivated with paddy could be utilized for productive agricultural crop cultivation only, without leaving any room for constructions to take place in them, once such lands have been identified after a proper study.

P.77/10

54.

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

P.78/10

55.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of Information Centres at district level,— That this Parliament resolves that Information Centres where all information relating to the geographical location, historic background, crops cultivated, road network, government offices, schools, universities, railway stations, bus stands are computerized and documented be established and that these centres be established at the provincial level during the first stage, at the district level during the second stage and at the Divisional Secretariat Division level during the third stage.

P.79/10

56.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Regulating of religious school education and administration of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that an urgent programme be drawn up to increase the number of students attending religious schools by continually providing human and physical resources for religious schools in order to regulate education and administration of religious schools of all religions of Sri Lanka and to accord proper recognition to the certificates of the final examination and the Dharmacharya examination of Buddhist Dhamma Schools and similar examinations conducted in religious schools of other faiths.

P.80/10

57.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating laws regarding the rearing of pets such as dogs and cats,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be formulated for the registration of pets such as dogs and cats in local government authorities and that laws be formulated that the sale of the young of these animals should only be done in authorized centres and making it compulsory to spay female animals reared in other places other than these authorized centres.

P. 81/' 10

58.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Training workers required for the job market,— That this Parliament resolves that the task of initiating a methodology for the training of workers required for the new employment opportunities generated in future Sri Lanka be commenced by all tertiary educational institutions in the country.

P. 82/' 10

59.

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

P. 83/' 10

60.

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

P.84/' 10

61.

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

P.85/' 10

62.

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

P.86/10

63.

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

P.87/10

64.

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

P.88/10

65.

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

P. 89/10

66.

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

P. 90/10

67.

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

P.91/10

68.

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

P.92/10

69.

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

P.93/10

70.

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

P. 94/10

71.

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

P. 95/10

72.

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

P. 96/' 10

73.

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

P.98/' 10

74.

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

P.99/' 10

75.

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

P.100/' 10

76.

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

P.101/' 10

77.

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

P.102/' 10

78.

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

P.103/'10

79.

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

P.104/'10

80.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— Encouraging the cultivation of Palmyra,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken to encourage the cultivation of Palmyra known as "Katpagatharu" which is very useful for the public and to promote productions related to Palmyra .

P.105/'10

81.

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

P.108/'10

82.

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

P.109/'10

83.

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

P.110/'10

84.

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

P.111/'10

85.

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

P.112/'10

86.

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

P.113/'10

87.

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

P.114/'10

88.

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

P.115/'10

89.

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

P.116/'10

90.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of Teacher Advisor 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 Advisor Service unit.

P.117/'10

91.

Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga,— Conferring the power of subdivision on the Government grant lands against which bans of sub division have been issued, to Divisional Secretaries,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary Laws be introduced to confer the power of sub division on the Divisional Secretaries by minimizing the current lengthy process operating through the Provincial Commissioner, Commissioner of Lands and the Presidential Secretariat when needs of sub division arise in order to ensure the rights of the second generation of original recipient of land and to effect development activities on their houses, lands, although sub division of Government grant lands on permits such as Jayabhumi, Swarnabhumi and Rathnabhumi is banned.

P.118/10

92.

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

P.119/10

93.

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

P.120/10

94.

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

P.122/11

95.

Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga,— Reducing the difference that exists between the interest paid and the interest charged by the state banks,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken to reduce the difference that exists between the interest charged and the interest paid, in order to extend a helping hand to the public and the small scale businessmen and encourage them as the interest rate paid by state banks for ordinary savings deposits remains at 4 % to 4.5 % and the interest rate paid for fixed deposits remains around 8 % while the interest rate charged by the banks for housing, business and agricultural loans etc. stands at 12 % to 13 %.

P.123/11

96.

Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga,— Providing an allowance in appraisal of graduate Grama Niladharis,— That this parliament resolves that necessary steps be taken to grant a pay hike or an allowance to graduate Grama Niladharis in appraisal of their graduate qualifications as no consideration has been paid to that qualification so far even though about 30 % to 40 % of the Grama Niladharis currently in service have acquired graduate qualifications despite the fact that these Grama Niladharis who serve to provide public service to the people at village level have been recruited on the marks scored at a competitive examination that they faced post G.C.E. (A/L) qualifying.

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97.

Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga,— Banning the publication of the image of Lord Buddha in daily news papers and periodicals excluding academic publications,— That this Parliament resolves that legislation necessary for banning the publication of the images of Lord Buddha and images of Buddha Statues in daily news papers, periodicals and other pamphlets other than academic publications in future be introduced, as images of Lord Buddha and images of Buddha Statues are printed in daily news papers and periodicals without any restraint and extensively and as it is an insult to Lord Buddha to use such paper as wrapping for various items and for other inappropriate activities and also in consideration of the commemoration of the 2600th Buddha Jayanthi.

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98.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— Establishment of a “Sister School Programme” for a Trilingual Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that developing a ten year National Strategic Framework for a Trilingual Sri Lanka is a landmark measure for national integration and social harmony, steps be taken by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of National Languages and Social Integration to link individual schools in majority Sinhala speaking areas with Tamil medium schools in a “Sister School Programme” for the exchange of students and teachers on short term exposure programmes.

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99.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Renaming the Galle International Stadium,— That this Parliament resolves that the Galle International Stadium be renamed after the father of free education, the Late Hon. (Dr.) C.W.W. Kannangara as a mark of respect.

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100.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— Formulation of a National Programme on Early Childhood Education,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be formulated on providing early childhood education (pre-school education) which is a very important stage in the process of education of the children of our country and also, a proper training programme, a method of recruitment along with a salary structure be formulated for pre school wardens.

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101.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— Completing a dissertation on historical places in Galle District,— That this Parliament resolves that an in-depth study be carried out on the places of historical, archeological and cultural importance in the Galle District and a dissertation of academic importance be completed on such places.

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102.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Appointing a Select Committee of Parliament on Election Procedures and the Conduct of Elections,— That this Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament on Election Procedures and the Conduct of Elections be appointed, on a permanent basis.

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103.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Prompt disbursement of EPF and ETF money,— That this Parliament resolves that provisions be introduced to repay all the subscribers of EPF and ETF their dues, one month after retirement from active employment.

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104.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Ensuring impartiality in State Media,— That this Parliament resolves that since State Media is the exclusive right of the citizens of Sri Lanka and since there has been regular politicization of the Government Media, equal treatment and equal opportunity must be ensured to all political parties registered in Sri Lanka through State Media.

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105.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Language proficiency requirements in Public Service,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should make mandatory, by the year 2025, that all Public Servants must be able to work, correspond and speak in all 3 languages viz. Sinhala, Tamil and English.

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106.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Providing the Members of Parliament with a Decentralized Budget Allocation,— That this Parliament resolves that the 225 Members of Parliament be made entitled to a Decentralized Budget Allocation on a yearly basis which is totaling 1% of GDP that must be utilized 50% on capital expenditure and the balance on any basis the Member of Parliament desires on behalf of his voters based on guidelines of the Government.

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107.

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

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108.

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

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109.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Regularizing the development and promotion of the coconut industry and coconut resources,— Since coconut occupied an important place in the commercial products, this Parliament resolves that meaningful steps be taken to regularize development and to promote coconut industry and coconut resources, which would grow as a significant contributor to the Gross Domestic Product of the country while sustaining the resources and its environment.

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110.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Increasing the plantation of Kithul to boost the Kithul industry,— Since the Kithul contributes immensely for the rural industries, this Parliament resolves that proper action must be taken to increase the number of new plantations in keeping with our ambitious plan of increasing the stock of Kithul for vegetation so as to give a boost to the rural industry and the rural folk.

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111.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Ensuring a pollution free marine environment around Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that an action be taken to ensure a pollution free marine environment around Sri Lanka for a sustainable national development and the well being of its people and the economy by the year 2020.

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112.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Initiating action to develop cashew cultivation,— That this Parliament resolves that an action must be initiated to develop cashew cultivation in order to help processing, marketing and plantation of cashew and allied products and thereby help Sri Lanka to become a leading producer and exporter of quality and value added cashew products

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113.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Development of traditional industries,— That this Parliament resolves that the traditional industries which have been dwindling in the Ampara District such as handloom, pottery, palmyra and reed products i.e. boxes, plates and mats, coir products and cane products be developed and thereby the livelihood opportunities of the people be created in order to have their income increased.

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114.

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Establishment of a proper control system for the arms trade,— That this Parliament resolves that a local system of legislation relevant to international treaties and conventions be established to alleviate malpractices, as the flowing in of weapons to countries like Sri Lanka as a consequence of the operation of arms trade internationally without any control and the irregular circulation of arms within such countries has resulted in posing serious obstacles to the freedom of the society and posing a threat and exerting pressure on a democratically elected government as well as causing the spread of malpractices like drugs and prostitution, and because of creation of a disciplined, law abiding and ethical society alleviating the aforesaid situation is one intention of Mahinda Chinthana Vision and also because of minimizing social conflict through the implementation of arms trade treaties and ensuring social welfare is the expectation of the present day world.

115.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Undertaking extensive studies to explore the possibility of introducing the plantation of date palm,— That this Parliament resolves that an extensive study be undertaken to explore the possibility of introducing the plantation of date palm (*Phoenix dactylifera*) in our country since such an experiment undertaken in Kattankudy in the Batticaloa District is found to be successful, so that the people of our country will be afforded the opportunity of enjoying this luscious fruit grown in our own soil.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

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

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga
Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe
Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam
Hon. J. Sri Ranga

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) inquire into the reasons for this shortage;
- (b) recommend the short term measures necessary to overcome the situation; and
- (c) recommend the permanent measures necessary to prevent the re-occurrence of this situation in the future.

2.

- (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.

3. That the Committee shall have the power to —

- (a) fix its quorum;
- (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
- (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;

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

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3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam
Hon. J. Sri Ranga
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake
Hon. Harin Fernando
Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And whereas this is a most unsatisfactory state of affairs.

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

- (a) inquire into the causes of the recurrent flooding of the Colombo City, its environment and the District;
 - (b) inquire into the immediate and short term measures necessary to prevent the flooding as aforesaid; and
 - (c) recommend ways and means of the permanently preventing the recurrence of this problem.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.

3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within six months of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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- 4.
- Hon. Karu Jayasuriya
Hon. John Amaratunga
Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera
Hon. D.M. Swaminadan
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. J. Sri Ranga,— Select Committee of Parliament to review the laws dealing with Elections and to recommend the amendments,—

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) review the laws dealing with elections more particularly the Registration of Electors Act, the Local Authorities Elections Act, the Provincial Council Elections Act, the Parliamentary Elections Act and the Presidential Elections Act, together with the several amendments made to the said Acts over the years and the Special Provisions Acts made applicable to the provisions of the Acts set out above;

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

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5.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. (Dr) Jayalath Jayawardana

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. (Mrs) Thalatha Atukorale

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6.

Hon. Ranil Wickremasinghe

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Rauf Hakeem

Hon. Mangala Samaraweera,—Committee on Public Finance,—

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

2. It shall be the duty of the Committee to examine :

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

3. The Committee shall from time to time report to Parliament matters arising from the matters referred to in paragraph 2.

4. The Committee shall present within 6 weeks of the tabling of the Budget Estimates of the Bill a Report on the estimates including whether the money is well laid out within the limits of Government policy.

5. The Committee shall present before Parliament within 04 days after the presentation of the Budget and the Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill a Report on the fiscal, financial and economic assumptions used as bases in arriving at total estimated expenditures and receipts.

7.

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

This Parliament resolves that,

- (a) There shall be in Parliament Committees styled “Oversight Standing Committees” as indicated below, each of which shall have the jurisdiction and related functions as indicated to examine all Bills, resolutions, treaties, reports and other matters relating to subjects to their jurisdiction as listed below;
- (b) All Bills, resolutions, treaties, reports and other matters within their jurisdiction shall be referred to the relevant Committees for report prior to being placed before the House.
 1. International Relations
Including International Trade-Overseas Employment, International Organization, International Conferences and Agreements, Regional Organizations.
 2. National Security
Including Defence of Sri Lanka, Armed Forces, Intelligence, Public Law and Order, Police and Security, Cooperation with Foreign Countries.
 3. Agriculture and Lands
Including Plantation Industries, Mahaweli Authority, Land and Irrigation
 4. Human Resources and Culture
Including Education, Training, Youth, Sports, Culture and Religious Affairs
 5. Human Settlement and Energy
Urban and Rural Infrastructure, Highways, Roads, Railway, Shipping, Aviation, Posts and Telecommunications
 6. Human Welfare
Including Health, Social Welfare, Poverty Alleviation, Disabled, Senior Citizens and Child Welfare
 7. Internal Administration
 8. Environment and Natural Resources
Including Water Management, Aquatic Resources, Exclusive Economic Zone and Fisheries
 9. Legal and Women’s Affairs

Includes Courts, Human Rights, Media, Labour, National Integration and Gender.

(c) Parliament shall allocate the subjects, functions, departments and institution assigned to Ministries under Articles 44(c) and 45(1) of the Constitution to the appropriate Standing Committee for the purpose of legislative oversight.

2. (a) The various Oversight Standing Committees shall have general oversight responsibilities as provided in paragraph (b) in order to assist Parliament in:-

(i) its analysis, appraisal and evaluation of -

(a) the application, administration, executive and effectiveness of legislations passed by Parliament; and

(b) conditions and circumstances that may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation; and

(ii) its formulation, consideration, and enactment or changes in laws, and of such additional legislation as may be necessary or appropriate.

(b) In order to determine whether laws, projects and programmes addressing subjects within the jurisdiction of a committee are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of Parliament and whether they should be continued, curtailed, or eliminated, each standing committee shall review and study on a continuing basis-

(i) the application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of legislation projects and programmes addressing subjects within its jurisdiction;

(ii) the organization and operation of Departments and Institutions having responsibilities for the administration and execution of legislation projects and programmes addressing subjects within its jurisdiction;

(iii) any conditions or circumstances that may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation addressing subjects within its jurisdiction (whether or not a bill or resolution has been introduced with respect thereto); and

(iv) future research and forecasting on subjects within its jurisdiction.

(c) Each Committee may conduct at any time such investigations and studies as it considers necessary or appropriate in the exercise of its responsibilities.

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

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

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

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

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

(i) Speaker

(ii) Deputy Speaker

(iii) Deputy Chairman of Committees

(iv) Prime Minister

(v) Leader of the House

(vi) Leader of the Opposition

(vii) Ministers of Cabinet appointed under Article 44(1) of the Constitution

(viii) Ministers appointed under Article 45(1) of the Constitution t h e subjects and functions of whose Ministries do not come within the purview of a Minister of the Cabinet or is not d e l e g a t e d subjects and functions under Article 45(4).

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

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

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

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

(e) The Leader of any Party or Independent Group in Parliament may in writing request the Speaker to remove any such member nominated under

paragraph 8(d) from such Committee. The Speaker shall on receiving such request remove such member from such Committee after informing Parliament.

- (f) (i) Each Standing Committee shall at its first meeting and thereafter at the first meeting after the post of Chairman becomes vacant elect a Chairman of the Standing Committee.
- (ii) A Minister or a Deputy Minister shall not be eligible to be elected as a Chairman of a Standing Committee.
- (g) Any Member who absents himself from three consecutive meetings of the Committee shall be deemed to have vacated his membership of the Committee.

9. Each Oversight Standing Committee may when it considers necessary appoint Sub Committees of its own members to examine and report to such Committee such matters as deemed necessary.
10. Matters referred to an Oversight Standing Committee may not be taken up for consideration by Parliament until 3 months has lapsed from the Reference provided that if Parliament has by resolution extended the time for the reporting on any specific matter then the consideration of such matter shall take place only after the lapse of the period as referred to in the resolution.
11. Every Oversight Standing Committee may in regard to any Bill or any other matter of public importance call for evidence from all parties affected by such Bill or of any interested parties or persons of experience.
12. (a) Whenever a Report of an Oversight Standing Committee recommends the enactment of legislation other than a Bill referred to in Article 152 of the Constitution or an amendment to the Constitution, the Chairman or any other member of the Committee specified in the Report for such purpose may after notice, subject to Article 78 of the Constitution, present a motion for the Bill to be read the first time in Parliament without an order of Parliament. Copies of the Bill shall be presented with the motion. The Speaker shall place such motion before Parliament for a vote within six weeks of the motion being presented to Parliament, provided that if the period of six weeks falls within the Second Reading or the Committee Stage or Third Reading of the Appropriation Bill shall be placed before Parliament after the completion of the consideration of the Appropriation Bill. Upon Parliament approving such a motion, the Bill shall be read for the first time and ordered to be printed.

Provided that such Bill has been approved by 2/3 of the total Members of the Oversight Standing Committee and recorded so with the names.

- (b) After the Bill is read the first time and ordered to be Printed, the Speaker shall refer such Bill to the Cabinet of Ministers and no further proceedings shall be taken until the Cabinet of Ministers submits a Report to Parliament.
- (c) After the Cabinet of Ministers have submitted a Report to Parliament or

after the expiry of two months from the date the Bill was referred to the Cabinet of Ministers, the Bill shall be set down for Second Reading.

13. (a) Every Standing Committee shall be empowered to send for persons, papers and records and shall submit Reports containing their opinions and observations together with the minutes of evidence taken before them to Parliament.
(b) A reservation by any member of a Standing Committee may be attached to any Report of such Committee.
14. (a) Whenever the Report of a Standing Committee recommends the enactment of legislation referred to in Article 152 of the Constitution, the Cabinet of Ministers shall submit its opinion to Parliament within 3 months of such report being tabled in Parliament.
(b) Whenever the Report of a Standing Committee is a non-legislation report, the Cabinet of Ministers shall submit its opinion within 2 months of the Report being tabled in Parliament. Such Report shall not be taken up for consideration by Parliament.
15. Whenever any agency, association, officer or person is required to maintain confidentiality or secrecy under any law the relevant Standing Committee shall act in accordance with such law.
16. (a) Any Regulation pertaining to Public Security made under Article 155 of the Constitution shall be referred to the Standing Committee on Legal and Women's Affairs for report. Whenever the short title of a Regulation refers to specific subjects coming under the jurisdiction of another Committee, the Speaker shall refer such Regulation to such Standing Committee in accordance with paragraph 4(c)(ii).
(b) Paragraph 7 shall not apply to reference made under sub paragraph (a).
17. Any Oversight Standing Committee may after obtaining the permission of the Speaker confer with one or more other Standing Committees.
18. The Secretary to the Minister of Finance and the Director Budget and the Secretary of the relevant Ministry shall immediately inform the Public Finance Committee of the transfer of any appropriations and the transfer of unexpended balance.
19. Jurisdiction shall mean Legislative Oversight Jurisdiction and include jurisdiction over subordinate Legislation.
The Secretary of the relevant Ministry shall immediately inform the relevant Oversight Committee of any transfer of appropriation and the transfer of any unexpended balance.
20. Paragraph 8(a) and (f)(ii) shall apply to Committee on Public Accounts and Committee on Public Enterprises.

8.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. (Ven.) Ellawala Medhananda Thero
Hon. C. A. Suriyaarachchi
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Hunais Farook
Hon. S.C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Y. G. Padmasiri
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. R. Duminda Silva
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Udith Lokubandara
Hon. Rohana Dissanayake
Hon. Eric Prasanna Weerawardhana
Hon. A. M. Chamika Buddhadasa
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Dilum Amunugama
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera
Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Janaka Bandara
Hon. Sarath Kumara Gunaratne
Hon. V. K. Indika
Hon. Neranjan Wickremasinghe
Hon. Perumal Rajathurai
Hon. Lalith Dissanayake
Hon. (Alhaj) A. H. M. Azwer
Hon. A. P. Jagath Pushpakumara
Hon. Hemal Gunasekera
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Wijaya Dahanayake
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana
Hon. (Dr.) Mervyn Silva
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. Gunaratne Weerakoon
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe
Hon. Athauda Seneviratne
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Nandimithra Ekanayake
Hon. J. R. P. Suriyapperuma
Hon. Tissa Karalliyadda
Hon. (Miss) Kamala Ranathunga
Hon. Felix Perera
Hon. Vinayagamoorthi Muralidaran
Hon. Neomal Perera
Hon. Gitanjana Gunawardena
Hon. H.R. Mithrapala
Hon. Jayarathne Herath
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithra Devi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Risad Badhiutheen
Hon. (Mrs) Malani Fonseka
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Sanee Rohana Kodithuvakku
Hon. Victor Antony
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekara
Hon. (Dr.) Rohana Pushpa Kumara
Hon. A. R. M. Abdul Cader
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon

Hon. Dayasritha Thissera

Hon. Arundika Fernando

Hon. Sanath Jayasuriya

Hon. S. B. Dissanayake

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire into and report on the conduct of the Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana , Member of Parliament in violation of the Constitution of the Republic of Sri Lanka,—

Whereas reports have been received to the effect that the Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana , who is a Member of Parliament of this august Assembly has either directly and / or indirectly participated in meetings, protest campaigns, discussions held in London by LTTE activists against the Government of Sri Lanka and His Excellency the President Mahinda Rajapaksa on the 29th of November 2010 and the preceding dates and that he has either directly and / or indirectly aided and abetted the said discussions and protests;

And whereas it has been reported that Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana , Member of Parliament has directly participated in the preliminary discussions, persuading meetings and in related awareness activities in connection with the organization of the said protests;

And whereas matters have come to light that Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana, Member of Parliament has maintained relationships of diverse nature with the LTTE and its supporters previously as well;

And whereas it has been revealed that Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana, Member of Parliament has maintained and is maintaining very close links with LTTE activists and / or LTTE supporters in London and other major towns of Europe;

And whereas consequently it is apparent that Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana, Member of Parliament has clearly violated Article 157 A and the Sixth Amendment and the oath of the Constitution either through one or more of the above activities;

This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire into the conduct of Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana, Member of Parliament with regard to the above matters and in respect of the above matters and report to this august Assembly;

- 2 (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.

The Committee shall have the power to—

- (b) fix its quorum,

- (c) summon any person to appear before it and to procure any document and
- (d) examine witnesses under oath.

3 It shall also have the power to make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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9.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale

Hon. Harin Fernando,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire into and report whether any Member of this august assembly was involved in the protest campaign held at the “Heathrow” Airport in England,—

Whereas the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage and Chief Government Whip Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena has made a statement on the 2nd December 2010 in Parliament to the effect that,

“ If any Member of Parliament who has taken Oaths in this Parliament in terms of the Constitution has acted in breach of his oath and against the country by associating himself with a banned organization and an illegal group, being present at the Airport in England at the time of arrival of His Excellency the President, such Member of Parliament should be subjected to an inquiry forthwith by this House”;

And whereas the issue raised by Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena warrants serious investigation by this House above mentioned

We, the inquire into and report Members of Parliament, resolve that a Select Committee be appointed to determine,

- (a) the background that led to the allegation levelled by the Minister the Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena ; and
- (b) whether any Member of this august Assembly was involved in the aforesaid protest campaign held at the “Heathrow” Airport in England.

- 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 of shall be presented to Parliament within three months of its first meeting or any such period as extended by Parliament.
- 3 That the Committee shall have power to,
- (a) fix its Quorum,
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to produce any document or record, to produce and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for 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.

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10.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya
Hon. John Amaratunga
Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera
Hon. Harin Fernando
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. D. M. Swaminadan
Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene
Hon. R. Yogarajan
Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana

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

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

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

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

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

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11.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. Palitha Range Bandara

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana

Hon. R. Yogarajan

Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma

Hon. Niroshan Perera

Hon. Abdul Haleem

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) Under which legal provision KP is being held in custody;
 - (b) Whether it is intended to frame charges against KP, and if so —
 - (i) Under what law he be charged,
 - (ii) What offences be included in the charge sheet,
 - (iii) When it is proposed to file charges against him, and
 - (iv) In which Court such charges be framed;
 - (c) Whether requests have been made for his extradition and if so, which countries have made such requests and whether it is proposed to extradite him;
 - (d) The fate and location of the assets of the LTTE which were in the possession of “KP” with particular reference to bullion and ships;
 - (e) The Select Committee should also address itself to the question whether any official or officials are guilty of treacherous conduct and dereliction of duty in holding “KP” without proceeding against him under the laws of the country.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
(b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
 3. That the Committee shall have the power to,—
 - (a) fix its quorum;

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

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12.

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage

Hon. Harin Fernando

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) How such a Hedging Agreements totally disadvantageous to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation came to be entered into;
- (b) Who were the officers in the Corporation responsible for these Agreements;

- (c) The total loss to the Corporation as a result of these Hedging Agreements;
 - (d) The steps that should be taken to prevent such occurrences in the future;
 - (e) What action should be taken against those responsible for the Hedging Agreements;
 - (f) Any other matter that the Committee deems appropriate in the circumstances which has a bearing on these matters under consideration.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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13.

Hon. John Amaratunga
Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera
Hon. Mohan Lal Gero
Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe
Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) Why tender procedures were not followed in placing the order of this stock of petroleum;
- (b) Whether in fact low quality petroleum was imported by the Corporation;
- (c) The country from where such imports were made;
- (d) The total cost of the imports;
- (e) The total loss to the Corporation as a result of such imports;
- (f) Why no action was taken to prevent such imports;
- (g) Why no action was taken to reject the stocks that arrived if they were found to be low quality;
- (h) Why after having known that the imported stocks were low quality, they were dispatched to the several sheds in the country;
- (i) Why the payment was made after it was discovered that the imported stocks were of low quality;
- (j) Why the public were not informed that there was bound to be a shortage of petrol;
- (k) The persons responsible for such imports;

- (l) The steps that should be taken to prevent such occurrences in the future;
 - (m) What action should be taken against those responsible for these imports;
 - (n) Any other matter that the Committee deems appropriate in the circumstances which has a bearing on these matters under consideration.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker,
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to :
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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14.

Hon. A. D. Susil Premajyantha
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. Rauf Hakeem
Hon. (Prof) Tissa Vitarana
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Maithripala Sirisena

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Risad Badhiutheen
Hon. Basil Rohana Rajapaksa
Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan
Hon. DEW Gunasekara
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Perumal Rajathurai
Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha

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

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

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

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

This Parliament resolves as follows:

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

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

15.

Hon. Maithripala Sirisena
Hon. Nirmala Kotalawala
Hon. Mohamed Aslam
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. W. B. Ekanayake
Hon. A. R. M. Abdul Cader
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Vinayagamoorthi Muralidaran
Hon. Palany Thigambaram
Hon. Sarana Gunawardena
Hon. Jagath Balasuriya
Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Y. G. Padmasiri
Hon. Sajin De Vass Gunawardena
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Udith Lokubandara
Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe
Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera
Hon. Achala Jagodage
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage
Hon. (Dr.) Rohana Pushpa Kumara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna

Hon. Sarath Kumara Gunaratne
Hon. Tissa Karalliyadda
Hon. Hemal Gunasekera
Hon. Eric Prasanna Weerawardhana
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Gitanjana Gunawardena
Hon. Reginold Cooray
Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Jayarathne Herath
Hon. Victor Antony
Hon. (Miss) Kamala Ranathunga
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. H.R. Mithrapala
Hon. Rohana Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs) Upeksha Swarnamali
Hon. (Mrs) Malani Fonseka
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Piyasena Gamage
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Gamini Wijith Wijithamuni De Zoysa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Risad Badhiutheen
Hon. J. R. P. Suriyapperuma
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne
Hon. S.C. Mutukumarana
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajyantha
Hon. Rauf Hakeem
Hon. Milroy Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) Mervyn Silva

Hon. A. L. M. Athaula

Hon. A. M. Chamika Buddhadasa

Hon. Felix Perera

Hon. Wimal Weerawansa

Hon. M.B. Farook

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. That the Committee shall have the power to, —

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

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Hon. John Amaratunga

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

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

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

And whereas the more prominent among these institutions are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) look into the affairs of these institutions reflected in the COPE Report and more particularly the institutions listed herein to determine the causes for these losses;
 - (b) determine whether any individual or individuals are responsible for the mismanagement of these institutions or involved in fraudulent activities;
 - (c) prevent continued occurrence of these losses;
 - (d) recommend what action should be taken in the first instance to punish those responsible;
 - (e) determine what steps should be taken to recover these losses; and
 - (f) determine what additional legislation is necessary to implement the recommendations in the Report, including the establishment of a Parliamentary Budget Office.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.

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

4. The Committee shall make its Report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

* *Indicates Government Business*
