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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0993/10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) as to when the Gas Company was sold to the Shell Company Ltd;
- (ii) the price and the percentage of the shares that were sold;
- (iii) the name of the President and the government in power at the time of selling the Gas Company;
- (iv) the dividend received by government from the date of sale to the date of repurchase; and
- (v) the Shell terminal shares holding by the government?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the price paid by the government to buy back the shares of the Shell Company Ltd;
- (ii) the percentage of shares bought back by the government;
- (iii) as to when the aforesaid repurchasing was done; and
- (iv) as to how the valuation was agreed upon?

(c) If not, why?

1301/11

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Namayala Lake, which is about 2000 years old is located in an area called Nalagama Willaddara bordering the two electorates of Tangalle and Beliatta in the Hambantota District;
- (ii) this lake and surrounding lands were acquired by the government in the year 2005 for a drinking water project; and
- (iii) construction activities are yet to get off the ground, despite the laying of the foundation stone on 05.10.2005 in the aforesaid location for a water project named the Tangalle-Beliatta integrated water scheme?

(2)

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of families planned to be provided with water under this project;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken for the speedy commencement of its activities to cater to the drinking water requirements of the people of the area;
 - (iii) if so, the date on which its construction will commence; and
 - (iv) the amount of money to be spent on this purpose?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a suitable methodology will be devised to allocate lands to the people who have been dispossessed of their lands due to the water project; and
 - (ii) if so what it is?
- (d) If not, why?

1621/11

3.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the names of the persons who are presently attached to the senior management and the board of directors of the Mihin Lanka ;
 - (ii) the educational and professional qualifications of each person attached to the senior management and each member of the board of directors ; and
 - (iii) the amounts of salaries, other allowances and privileges granted to the aforesaid officers and the members of the board of directors?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether there is an asset deficit of Rs. 5.6 billion according to the Balance Sheet of the Mihin Lanka for the year 2010 ; and
 - (ii) if so, the factors which contributed to that asset deficit?
- (c) If not, why ?

1985/'11

4.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of licences issued during the period from 2005 to 2008 and in 2011 to open liquor stores;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the liquor licensees during the period from 2005 to 2011;
 - (iii) the procedure followed in issuing licences to sell liquor; and
 - (iv) the annual income that the government earned by issuing licences for liquor stores in the years mentioned under (i) above separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of applications received so far for obtaining licences to sell liquor;
 - (ii) the number of applications to whom it has been decided to issue licences in future; and
 - (iii) their names and addresses?
- (c) If not, why?

2000/'11

5.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which a person by the name of Nimal Punchihewa commenced holding a post in the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) of his birthday ;
 - (iii) whether a cabinet approval has been given to the effect that the aforesaid person be allowed to be employed in the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, even after reaching 60 years of age ;
 - (iv) if so, of the date, on which that approval was granted ;
 - (v) whether he admits the fact that, if such an approval has not been given, the aforesaid person has worked in the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka in an illegal manner, from the date on which he reached 60 years of age up to now ; and
 - (vi) if so, of the steps taken in the future, with regard to the aforesaid person?
- (b) If not, why?

2017/'11

6.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a project is underway to construct permanent houses for the families that reside close to sacred places in an unauthorized manner ; and
 - (ii) if so, the names of sacred places which are covered by this project?
- (b) If not, why?

2031/'11

7.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(3)

- (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 ?

2109/11

8.

Hon. John Amaratunga,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately —
- (i) the number of shares held in Galadari Hotels Lanka PLC, Laughs Gas PLC and Ceylon Grain Elevators PLC by the Employees Provident Fund ;
 - (ii) the dates on which each lot of shares were purchased;
 - (iii) the price at which aforesaid shares were purchased ;
 - (iv) the persons from whom the shares were purchased;
 - (v) if the said shares have been subsequently sold, the person or persons to whom they were sold, on per lot basis ;
 - (vi) the price at which the said shares were sold per each lot ; and
 - (vii) the names of the brokers involved in these transactions?
- (b) If not, why?

2156/11

9.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soysa,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Tile Factory situated in Kirimetithenna area at Balangoda in the Rathnapura District has been closed down for a period of about one year; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid factory had provided employment to a large number of youth in the area ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reasons for the closure of this factory;
 - (ii) whether compensation was paid to the officers and the labourers who worked in the aforesaid factory at the time of its closure;
 - (iii) if not, of the reasons for not paying compensation;
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid factory will be re-opened with a view to strengthening the economy of the people of the area and the country; and
 - (v) if so, whether a plan has been prepared for that purpose ?
- (c) If not, why?

1650/11

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the construction work of the Cultural Centre of the Athuraliya Pradeshiya Sabha in Akuressa in Matara District has been stopped halfway?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the name of the institution that provided funds for the construction of the aforesaid Cultural Centre;
 - (ii) the estimated cost of the construction; and
 - (iii) the reasons for stopping the construction work?
- (c) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether construction work of the Athuraliya Cultural Centre will be completed soon; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time taken for that ?
- (d) If not, why?

1740/11

11.

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

- (a) Will he state from July 2010 to date on per year basis—
 - (i) the total consumption and the per capita consumption of sugar ;
 - (ii) the total local production and the per capita production of sugar;
 - (iii) the import content of sugar ;
 - (iv) the value of the import content of sugar; and
 - (v) the real subsidy given to sugar by the government with corroborative evidence?
- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the cost of production per 1 Kg sugar in Sri Lanka for the years 2010 and 2011; and
 - (ii) all the taxes (direct and indirect) imposed on 1 Kg of imported and locally produced sugar separately?
- (c) If not ,why?

1986/'11

12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of private companies owned by the government at present;
 - (ii) separately, the names of those companies and the relevant ministries;
 - (iii) the names and the addresses of the members of the Board of Directors of each of the companies;
 - (iv) separately, the percentage of the shares owned by the government and the percentage of the shares owned by the private sector in each of the aforesaid companies;
 - (v) the names and the addresses of the private investors who have invested money in each of the companies; and
 - (vi) separately, the net profit earned or the loss incurred by each of the aforesaid companies in the years 2009 and 2010?
- (b) If not, why?

1651/'11

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware—
- (i) that the Central Dispensary at Hiramadalagama in the Atakalampanna Pradehiya Sabha area in the Ratnapura District has been closed down; and
 - (ii) as a result, the people of the area are under going immense hardships ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reason for closing down the aforesaid dispensary despite the fact that it is in good condition after being renovated;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to re-open the aforesaid dispensary soon; and
 - (iii) if so, the period of time taken for that ?
- (c) If not, why?

1741/'11

14.

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

- (a) Will he state from July 2010 to date on per year basis—
 - (i) the total consumption and the per capita consumption of dhal ;
 - (ii) the total local production and the per capita production of dhal;
 - (iii) the import content of dhal;
 - (iv) the value of the import content of dhal; and
 - (v) the real subsidy given to dhal importers by the government with corroborative evidence?
- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the cost of production per 1 Kg dhal in Sri Lanka for the years 2010 and 2011; and
 - (ii) all the taxes (direct and indirect) imposed on imports of dhal and local production of dhal?
- (c) If not ,why?

1987/'11

15.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of private security firms which had been assigned the task of providing security services to all the universities and the institutions belonging to them, which come under the Ministry of Higher Education, as at year 2010 ;
 - (ii) separately of the universities and the institutions belonging to them which are provided with security services by each of the above mentioned security firms ;
 - (iii) separately of the number of security officers deployed in each of the universities as at year 2010 and the number of security officers deployed at present ;
 - (iv) separately of the amount of money paid per security officer in year 2010 and the amount paid at present ; and
 - (v) separately of the monthly expenditure incurred by each of the above institutions on security?
- (b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 20 read with Section 14 and sub-section (3) of Section 4 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987 and paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1754/9 of April 18th, 2012, which were presented on 10.05.2012, be approved.

*2.

The Minister of Social Services,— Regulations under the Protection of the Rights of the Elders Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Social Services under Section 34 of the Protection of the Rights of the Elders Act, No. 9 of 2000 read with Sections 17 and 18 of the Act and published in the Gazette No. 1750 of March 16th, 2012, which were presented on 08.05.2012, be approved.

*3.

The Minister of Environment,— Regulations under the National Environmental Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Environment under Section 23Q of the National Environmental Act, No. 47 of 1980 read with Section 32 of the Act and published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1738/37 of December 29th, 2011, which were presented on 11.05.2012, be approved.

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No.1),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 20 of 2010 and specified in the Order No. 3 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 20 of 2010**Order No. 3 under Section 8**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 20 of 2010, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 30602 “Railway Stores Advance Account-Department of Sri Lanka Railways” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

(i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. 1,000,000,000
	To	Rs. 1,700,000,000
(ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised

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(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From To	Rs. 4,838,000,000 Rs. 5,037,000,000
(iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From To	Rs. 500,000,000 Rs. 800,000,000

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2011 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA,
Minister of Finance and Planning.

09.05.2012
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No.2),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 20 of 2010 and specified in the Order No. 27 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 20 of 2010

Order No. 27 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.20 of 2010, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 01002 “Advancing monies to be used in bribery detection as bribes - Commission to investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

(i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised
(ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised
(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From To	Rs. 7,500,000 Rs. 12,000,000

- (iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities
specified in Column V of the Third
Schedule to that Act. Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2011 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA,
Minister of Finance and Planning.

09.05.2012
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—
Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No.3),— That this Parliament resolves that
the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the
Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act,
No. 20 of 2010 and specified in the Order No. 42 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 20 of 2010

Order No. 42 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.20
of 2010, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of
the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item
No. 25002 “Advances for payments on behalf of other Government - Department of
State Account” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

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| (i) Maximum limit of expenditure
specified in Column II of the Third
Schedule to that Act. | From
To | Rs.
Rs. | 4,600,000
4,750,000 |
| (ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified
in Column III of the Third
Schedule to that Act. | From
To | Rs.
Rs. | 4,600,000
4,450,000 |
| (iii) Maximum limit of debit balance
specified in Column IV of the Third
Schedule to that Act. | | | Not Revised |

- (iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities
specified in Column V of the Third
Schedule to that Act. Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2011 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA,
Minister of Finance and Planning.

09.05.2012
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—
Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No.4),— That this Parliament resolves that
the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the
Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act,
No. 20 of 2010 and specified in the Order No. 43 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 20 of 2010
Order No. 43 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.20
of 2010, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of
the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item
No. 28502 “Advances Account for maintenance of Agriculture farms and seeds -
Department of Agriculture” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

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| (i) Maximum limit of expenditure
specified in Column II of the Third
Schedule to that Act. | From | Rs. 300,000,000 |
| | To | Rs. 355,000,000 |
| (ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified
in Column III of the Third
Schedule to that Act. | From | Rs. 270,000,000 |
| | To | Rs. 292,000,000 |
| (iii) Maximum limit of debit balance
specified in Column IV of the Third
Schedule to that Act. | | Not Revised |

- (iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act. Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2011 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA,
Minister of Finance and Planning.

09.05.2012
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*8.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No.5),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 20 of 2010 and specified in the Order No. 44 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 20 of 2010
Order No. 44 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.20 of 2010, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 31002 “Government Factory Stores Advance Account - Government Factory” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

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| (i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act. | From
To | Rs. 120,000,000
Rs. 172,000,000 |
| (ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act. | | Not Revised |
| (iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act. | From
To | Rs. 10,000,000
Rs. 31,000,000 |

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- (iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act. Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2011 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA,
Minister of Finance and Planning.

09.05.2012
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No.6),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 20 of 2010 and specified in the Order No. 45 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 20 of 2010
Order No. 45 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 20 of 2010, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 31003 “Government Factory Work Done Advance Account - Government Factory” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

- (i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act. From Rs. 260,000,000 To Rs. 345,000,000
- (ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act. Not Revised
- (iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act. Not Revised

- (iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities
specified in Column V of the Third
Schedule to that Act. Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2011 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA,
Minister of Finance and Planning.

09.05.2012
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—
Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No.7),— That this Parliament resolves that
the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the
Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act,
No. 20 of 2010 and specified in the Order No. 46 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 20 of 2010

Order No. 46 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.20
of 2010, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of
the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item
No. 21302 “Printing Publicity and Sales of Publication - Department of Education
Publication” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

- (i) Maximum limit of expenditure
specified in Column II of the Third
Schedule to that Act. Not Revised
- (ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified From Rs. 2,900,000,000
in Column III of the Third To Rs. 2,300,000,000
Schedule to that Act.

(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised
(iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. 500,000,000
	To	Rs. 900,000,000

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2011 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA,
Minister of Finance and Planning.

09.05.2012
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*11.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No.8),— That this Parliament resolves that the Orders made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 20 of 2010 and specified in the schedule hereto, be approved.

(These Orders are valid only up to 31.12.2011)

SCHEDULE

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Appropriation Act No. 20 of 2010 Order under Section 8

Schedule of variation of limits of Advance Accounts pertaining to Advances to public officers Authorized by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No. 20 of 2010 in Respect of Finance year 2011.

Srl No.	Ministry/Department	Item No.	Maximum Limit of Expenditure in Column II		Minimum Limit of Receipts in Column III		Maximum Limit of Debit Balance in Column IV		Order No.
			From	To	From	To	From	To	
1	Ministry of Defence	10301	48,670,000	238,670,000	17,600,000	117,600,000	200,000,000	560,000,000	1
2	Ministry of Disaster Management	10601	-	-	-	-	10,000,000	13,000,000	2
3	Office of the Cabinet Ministers	00501	1,256,000	1,800,000	-	-	-	-	4
4	Department of Police	22501	1,686,297,000	1,496,297,000	1,100,000,000	1,000,000,000	-	-	5
5	Ministry of Labour and Labour Relations	12701	27,475,000	11,475,000	8,500,000	2,000,000	-	-	6
6	Department of Posts	30801	-	-	525,000,000	480,000,000	-	-	7
7	Ministry of Agrarian Services and Wildlife	17901	-	-	-	-	2,000,000	20,000,000	8
8	Department of Labour	22101	-	-	-	-	160,000,000	240,754,151.36	9
9	Department of Civil Security	32001	141,300,000	170,000,000	-	-	-	-	10

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10	Ministry of Agriculture	11801	-	-	8,500,000	7,900,000	-	-	11
11	Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources Management	15201	-	-	7,000,000	5,000,000	-	-	12
12	Ministry of Productivity Promotion	18101	1,000,000	17,000,000	-	-	2,000,000	55,500,000	13
13	Secretary for Special Function (Senior Ministers	00301	-	-	-	-	2,000,000	5,700,000	14
14	Ministry of Civil Aviation	17601	-	-	3,300,000	2,008,661	-	-	15
15	District Secretariat, Colombo	25501	-	-	34,000,000	32,800,000	180,000,000	190,000,000	16
16	District Secretariat, Gampaha	25601	-	-	64,000,000	57,500,000	-	-	17
17	District Secretariat, Kegalla	27901	-	-	32,500,000	29,000,000	-	-	18
18	District Secretariat, Vavuniya	26601	-	-	7,500,000	6,700,000	-	-	19
19	District Secretariat, Batticalloa	26901	-	-	-	-	67,000,000	89,000,000	20
20	Ministry of Transport	11401	-	-	4,500,000	3,500,000	-	-	21
21	Ministry of Public Management Reforms	17301	-	-	-	-	2,500,000	6,535,000	22
22	Ministry of Foreign Employment Promotion and welfare	18201	-	-	-	-	2,000,000	6,000,000	23
23	Ministry of National Heritage	14201	23,550,000	23,050,000	12,000,000	1,400,000	80,000,000	26,000,000	24
24	Department of National Museums	20801	-	-	5,900,000	5,700,000	-	-	25
25	Ministry of Minor Export Crop Promotion	18001	-	-	-	-	2,000,000	5,800,000	26
26	Ministry of Private Transport Service	18401	-	-	-	-	2,000,000	3,700,000	28

27	Ministry of Cultural and Arts	17701	1,000,000	1,500,000	300,000	10,900,000	2,000,000	73,000,000	29
28	Ministry of Finance and Planning	10201	-	-	11,000,000	8,000,000	-	-	30
29	Department of Valuation	25101	-	-	-	-	28,000,000	60,000,000	31
30	Department of Fiscal Policy	23801	-	-	1,200,000	1,100,000	8,000,000	9,125,000	32
31	Department of National Planning	23701	7,065,000	4,000,000	-	-	-	-	33
32	Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development	17801	-	-	-	-	2,000,000	2,750,000	34
33	Ministry of Higher Education	17101	-	-	4,900,000	2,800,000	-	-	35
34	Department of Elections	02001	-	-	16,000,000	13,000,000	-	-	36
35	Ministry of Plantation Industries	13501	-	-	3,200,000	3,164,317	-	-	37
36	Ministry of Postal Services	10801	-	-	2,400,000	2,300,000	-	-	38
37	Ministry of Ports and Highways	11701	-	-	-	-	25,000,000	27,000,000	39
38	Human rights Commission of Sri Lanka	01301	-	-	292,000	0.00	-	-	40
39	Ministry of Resettlement	14501	-	-	4,000,000	3,825,000	-	-	41
Total			1,937,613,000	1,963,792,000	1,873,592,000	1,796,197,978	776,500,000	1,393,864,151.36	

(19)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA
Minister of Finance and Planning

18 April 2012
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

*15.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*16.

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.)

*17.

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.)

*18.

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.”

*19.

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.

20.

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

21.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*

Wednesday, May 23, 2012

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0995/10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,— (2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the president has got powers to pardon people who have been convicted;
- (ii) if so, the number of people who were pardoned in last 3 years by the president;
- (iii) the criteria used for the release;
- (iv) the durations in which each of them had served the sentence at the time of release; and
- (v) the name of any politician or related persons who were pardoned and released by the president for last three years?

(b) If not, why?

1320/11

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the ownership of nearly four hundred acres of land in Alankudah area, along the Puttalam-Kalpitiya road in Puttalam district, belonging to the Lands Reform Commission and registered under the plan number 2396 of the land registry, has been obtained by Bar Reef Resorts Private Limited on forged deeds ; and
- (ii) at present a tourist hotel named Alankudah is being built on this land?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the reasons for the failure of the public officials to look into this until the above institution obtained the ownership of government land on forged deeds ;
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to reclaim government owned land following a formal investigation about this land deal ;
- (iii) of the date on which the formal investigation will commence ;
- (iv) whether legal action will be instituted against the offenders ; and
- (v) if not, the reasons for that?

(c) If not, why?

1735/11

3.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,— (2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately the number of foreign students enrolled at the universities for the academic year of 2011, on the basis of each university and course ;
- (ii) the number of those students enrolled at each faculty as a percentage of the total number of students enrolled at each faculty for the academic year of 2011 ; and
- (iii) the countries to which those foreign students belong?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the fees charged for each degree course for which foreign students have been registered ;
- (ii) the revenue received by those universities through that ;
- (iii) the purpose for which such monies were spent ; and
- (iv) whether those monies were made available to the consolidated fund of the government?

(c) If not, why?

1988/'11

4.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the National Police Commission is functioning at present ; and
 - (ii) if not, the date on which it became inactive?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid Commission has been provided with building facilities by now ;
 - (ii) if so, the address of that place ;
 - (iii) the name of the owner of that building ;
 - (iv) the monthly rental for the building if it has been obtained on rent basis ; and
 - (v) the amount of money paid monthly for water, electricity, telephone and other facilities?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of officers serving in the National Police Commission ;
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent monthly on payment of their salaries ; and
 - (iii) separately of the total amount of money spent annually on the National Police Commission since the date on which it became inactive upto now?
- (d) If not, why?

1996/'11

5.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of flowering plant species endemic to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) out of them, number of flowering plants reported from the Sinharaja forest, which is a world heritage;
 - (iii) the number of genera of plants endemic to Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) out of them, the number of genera of plants reported from the Sinharaja forest; and
 - (v) the number of species of animals endemic to Sri Lanka that have been reported from the Sinharaja forest ?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether he is aware that a new road has been constructed from Ilumbakanda to Suriyakanda across a forest land which is proposed to be taken over to be a part of forest reserve, which is a world heritage;
 - (ii) the length of the aforesaid road;
 - (iii) whether he admits the fact that the species of fauna and flora in the Sinharaja forest, have been adversely affected, as a result of the construction of the aforesaid road;
 - (iv) the steps that have been taken so far to stop the construction of the aforesaid road; and
 - (v) the steps that will be taken to minimize the damage that has been caused by now as a result of the construction of the aforesaid road?
- (c) If not, why?

2015/11

6.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of deaths that occurred due to unguarded level crossings in the year 2010; and
 - (ii) the number of persons who became disabled due to railway accidents in the aforesaid year ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that could be taken to prevent these deaths and accidents ?
- (c) If not, why?

2157/11

7.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soysa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Ranwala government hospital situated in the Weligepola Divisional Secretariat Division in Ratnapura District has faced with the threat of closure;
 - (ii) a shortage of doctors and other staff members exists in the aforesaid hospital; and
 - (iii) only one doctor serves there at present ?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the average number of patients who undergo indoor treatment and who obtain treatment from the Out Patient Department of this hospital;
 - (ii) of the number of doctors and other employees approved for the aforesaid hospital;
 - (iii) of the reasons that led to the present situation prevailing at Ranwala government hospital;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to provide the required number of doctors and other staff members to the aforesaid hospital immediately;
 - (v) if so, the time taken for it ?
- (c) If not, why?

2262/'12

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the number of heart patients reported in Sri Lanka by the end of year 2011;
 - (ii) the number of government hospitals where heart surgeries are carried out; and
 - (iii) the names of such hospitals ?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of patients who are in the waiting list with the hope of undergoing heart surgeries at the above mentioned hospitals; and
 - (ii) the years in which the names of those patients were included in the waiting lists?
- (c) If not, why?

2267/'12

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the area that has been selected to build the sports village in Hambanthota;
 - (ii) the number of families that are displaced and the number of tanks and the extent of paddy lands lost due to the implementation of the aforesaid sports village project; and
 - (iii) the courses of action taken regarding the farming families that are displaced?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the non-academic staff who have been serving at schools in Moneragala and Badulla Districts for several years, have not been confirmed in service up to now;
 - (ii) these personnel who have been recruited in the years 2005 and 2008, have been serving up to now for meagre daily wages; and
 - (iii) they are facing economic difficulties as a result ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for not confirming this group of non-academic workers in service despite the interviews have been held for confirming them;
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to overcome those problems and absorb them into the permanent cadre; and
 - (iii) if so, the time frame required for that?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

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

- (a) Will he state from July 2010 to date on per month/ per year basis—
 - (i) the total consumption and the per capita consumption of rice ;
 - (ii) the total local production and the per capita production of rice in Yala and Maha seasons separately ;
 - (iii) the import content of rice;
 - (iv) the value of the import content of rice; and
 - (v) the real subsidy given to rice importers and paddy growers by the government with corroborative evidence?
- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the cost of production per 1 Kg rice in Sri Lanka for the years 2010 and 2011;
 - (ii) the number of families involved in paddy cultivation; and
 - (iii) all the taxes (direct and indirect) imposed on 1 Kg of imported and locally produced rice ?
- (c) If not ,why?

2008/11

12.

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

- (a) Will he state the date on which the Pakistan cricket team arrived in Sri Lanka and the date on which the aforesaid team left Sri Lanka in the year 2009?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether vehicles were obtained from any institution or institutions to provide transport facilities during the aforesaid tour ;and
 - (ii) if so, the number of vehicles so obtained?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the methodology adopted in selecting institutions for providing transport services during that tour ;
 - (ii) whether tenders were called for the above mentioned purpose ;
 - (iii) if so, whether other institutes were used to obtain transport services than those from which tenders had been called ; and
 - (iv) if so, what those institutes are?
- (d) If not, why?

1653/11

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a community Water Supply project was commenced a few years ago to provide drinking water facilities to Kadurugaswewa and Kandakulama villages in the Thalawa Divisional Secretariat Division in the Anuradhapura district?
- (b) Will he inform this House, in relation to that Community Water Supply project;
 - (i) the date the construction was commenced;
 - (ii) the proposed date of completion of construction;
 - (iii) the total sum expected to be spent for its completion;
 - (iv) if foreign funds were used for the construction, the name of the institution or institutions that provided such funds; and
 - (v) if local funds were used, the methodology followed for that?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps will be taken to expedite the construction work of this stalled project to fulfill the drinking water requirements of the people of the area; and
 - (ii) if so, the time that will be taken for that?
- (d) If not, why?

1743/11

14.

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

- (a) Will he state from July 2010 to date on per month /per year basis—
- (i) the total consumption and the per capita consumption of canned fish ;
 - (ii) the total local production and the per capita production of canned fish;
 - (iii) the import content of canned fish ;
 - (iv) the value of the import content of canned fish; and
 - (v) the real subsidy given to canned fish by the government with corroborative evidence?
- (b) Will he state all the taxes (direct and indirect) imposed on imports of canned fish?
- (c) If not, why?

2009/11

15.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the extent of the site on which the Ranmihitenna Cinema Village has been built in Hambantota District in acres ;
 - (ii) of the date on which it was opened ; and
 - (iii) separately of the income received by this institution at each of the occasions in which the above mentioned cinema village was used to shoot films or teledramas from the date on which it was opened up to now?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the names of the teledramas and films shot at the Ranmihitenna Cinema Village ; and
 - (ii) the names of the Director, the Producer or the Production Company of each of those creations?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, May 24, 2012

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1063/11

1.

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

- (a) Will he state separately—
- (i) the total amount in US Dollars to be paid at the end of the period of loans or grants lent for last 15 years by the countries and institutions as follows; China, USA, India, IMF, World Bank, ADB, JBIC and EU ; and
 - (ii) the average pay back period of loans per country or institution separately ?
- (b) If not why?

1322/11

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Jana Udana village known as Anuruddhagama in the Karandeniya electorate in the Galle district was commissioned in year 1999 ; and
 - (ii) the owners of the majority of houses in this village have not settled in them so far?
- (b) Will he state the reasons owing to which the people did not settle in those houses?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether arrangements will be made to give the abandoned houses to the poor homeless people in the area upon a formal investigation of the houses at Anuruddhagama Jana Udana village ; and
 - (ii) if so, the time that it will take?
- (d) If not, why?

1448/11

3.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of advisors who serve under the President 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?

1997/11

4.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(2)

- (a) Will he state whether recommendations have been made to transfer all forest lands belonging to the Land Reforms Commission within a distance of 1/2 a kilometre from the Sinharaja World Heritage to the Forest Conservation Department as per section 22(1)(f) and 44(g) of the Land Reform Law of 1972 in keeping with Cabinet Memorandum No.PS/CS/26/2004 dated 22.07.2004 ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether action has been taken as per the above Cabinet Memorandum; and
- (ii) whether an extent of 2508.4 hectares of forest land is due to be added anew to the Sinharaja forest under the aforesaid Cabinet Memorandum?

(c) If not, why?

2020/11

5.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of candidates who sat the competitive examination, held in 2010 for recruitment of Prison Jailors-Class II and Welfare Officers-Class II ;
- (ii) the number of vacancies that exist for such posts ;
- (iii) whether the recruitments have been made for such vacancies at present in keeping with the results of aforesaid competitive examination ;
- (iv) if so, the minimum cut-off mark on which the recruitments were made ;
- (v) the names and the addresses of the individuals so recruited and the marks obtained, separately ;
- (vi) the names and addresses of the other individuals, if any if such persons have been recruited on a basis other than the results of the said competitive examination ; and
- (vii) of the reasons for such recruitments?

(b) If not, why?

2181/11

6.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of wild elephants tamed by any of the institutions coming under the Ministry of Agrarian Services and Wildlife, up to now; and
- (ii) the number of wild elephants identified to be tamed in the future?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the programme which is being implemented by the Ministry to control the human-elephant conflicts; and
 - (ii) of the number of officials deployed for the purposes of taming wild elephants and preventing human-elephant conflicts?
- (c) If not, why?

2268/12

7.

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

- (a) Will he state the number of irrigation schemes maintained by the Agrarian Services Department in Sri Lanka ?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately the amount of money spent by the aforesaid department for the maintenance of tanks under the rehabilitation of irrigation schemes in each of the years from the year 2005 upto 2010; and
 - (ii) accordingly, whether sufficient amount of money has been spent for each year ?
- (c) If not, why?

1468/11

8.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of advisors who serve in the Ministry of Environment 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?

1654/'11

9.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the H.M.P. Banda Memorial Library belonging to the Hanguranketha Pradeshiya Sabha in the Nuwara-Eliya District has remained closed for nearly a year;
- (ii) the roof, doors and windows and the electrical wiring system have been severely damaged as a result of the aforesaid library building being not repaired; and
- (iii) over thousand members of the library have been deprived of the opportunity of utilizing books due to its closure?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to renovate the aforesaid library building promptly and make it available for the use of the members; and
- (ii) if so, the period of time to be taken for this purpose?

(c) If not, why?

1744/'11

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the process through which the petroleum products are imported by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC); and
- (ii) the authorising agent in the aforesaid process ?

(b) Will he also state as to how—

- (i) the substandard petrol be permitted to be imported during the period end of June to mid July 2011;
- (ii) the inferior quality petrol satisfy the Initial Quality Check done at CPC; and
- (iii) subsequently it was changed to confirm that the quality was not up to expected levels?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles got affected owing to the usage of inferior quality petrol;
 - (ii) the people involved in this fraud; and
 - (iii) the cost beared by the tax payer due to the aforesaid fraud?
- (d) If not, why?

2004/'11

11.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he state the number of liquor licences issued within the Kalutara district, during the period 2011.01.01 to 2011.09.01 and during the years 2005 to 2008, separately, per year basis?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the names and the addresses of those to whom liquor licences had been issued within the Kalutara district, for 2010?
- (c) If not, why?

2021/'11

12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the existing number of War Hero-families of the three forces, to the date;
 - (ii) the number of families that have been identified for the grant of allowances under the budget proposal 2011, which proposes a grant of one lakh rupees for the third child born to a war hero-family;
 - (iii) whether the said benefit would be given to war-hero families where there was already third child prior to the making of this proposal;
 - (iv) the date on which the allowance will be started, if such allowance has not been granted up to now; and
 - (v) for how long the granting of such allowance will be effective?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the antiquities at the temple belonging to the era of the Kandyan Kingdom, located at Alawathugirigama, Panwila in Kandy district, have been falling into decay for several years; and
 - (ii) rehabilitation work has not been done up to now, eventhough several years have lapsed since the declaration by the officials of the Department of Archaeology that steps would be taken to protect those antiquities ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for not carrying out the rehabilitation work despite the inspection of that temple done by the officials of the Department of Archaeology; and
 - (ii) of the date on which rehabilitation of that temple will start, if such work is to be started in future?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the secretary appointed to the 2011 Cricket World Cup Secretariat in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) by whom the aforesaid appointment was done;
 - (iii) whether there were any other persons considered for that appointment; and
 - (iv) if so, the names of them?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the powers bestowed on to the post of secretary to the Cricket World Cup Secretariat; and
 - (ii) whether he fulfilled the powers vested in the post?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the estimated amount for the renovation of Ganewatta Pothuwagonna road in Ganewatta Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) the width and length of that road that is to be renovated by carpeting or some other means;
 - (iii) the number of bridges and culverts that need to be constructed for that road as per the relevant estimate; and
 - (iv) the details of the lands acquired, if lands have been acquired for the renovation of Pothuwagonna road?
- (b) Will he State—
 - (i) whether a proper tender procedure was followed in awarding the contract for renovation of the aforesaid road;
 - (ii) if so, the names and addresses of those who submitted tenders; and
 - (iii) the name and address of the person who was awarded the contract?
- (c) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the width of that road, prior to the renovation; and
 - (ii) the total amount of money spent for the completion of renovation work?
- (d) If not, why?

Friday, May 25, 2012

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total loans and grants received in 2009,2010,2011 to date separately; and
 - (ii) the projects on which the loans and grants received as per above have been used for?

- (b) Will he also state on per loan taken—
 - (i) the all inclusive average interest rate;
 - (ii) the loan period; and
 - (iii) the total interest, loan fee at the end of the loan period?
- (c) If not, why?

1167/11

2.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether 100 filling stations have been given to an Indian Company known as IOC on the basis of exemption of tax in year 2009;
 - (ii) whether taxes have to be paid to the government by these filling stations; and
 - (iii) if so, the value of the taxes paid to the government in years 2006,2007,2008 and 2009 separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka has instructed the IOC to pay the government the taxes the filling stations have defaulted;
 - (ii) if so, the date it was done;
 - (iii) whether the Chairman of the Board of Investment himself has informed the relevant company that it need not pay taxes;
 - (iv) if so, the date it was done; and
 - (v) the reasons for making such an intimation?
- (c) Will he state the steps to be taken against IOC for defaulting to pay the due taxes?
- (d) If not, why?

1327/11

3.

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

- (a) Is he aware that nearly a period of one year has elapsed since the reconstruction work of the stretch of road from Menikdiwela to Thismada on Poththapitiya road in Kandy district, was stopped half way?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the amount allocated for the reconstruction of that road;
 - (ii) the reasons for abandoning the reconstruction if allocations have been made in the above manner?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether measures will be taken to start reconstruction of that road speedily and provide transport facilities for the people of that area; and
 - (ii) if so, of the time frame required for that?
- (d) If not, why?

1776/11

4.

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

- (a) Will he state separately, the amount of money incurred on the—
- (i) fuel allowance ;
 - (ii) maintenance cost ; and
 - (iii) driver's salary and allowances ;
- for the official vehicle of the Chairman of the Bope Poddala Pradeshiya Sabha, annually from the year 2006 up to now?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of 'public fairs' belonging to the aforesaid Pradeshiya Sabha ;
 - (ii) their names ; and
 - (iii) separately, the annual income received from each of the aforesaid 'public fairs' from the year 2006 up to now?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of pre schools belonging to the aforesaid Pradeshiya Sabha ;
 - (ii) of their names ;
 - (iii) separately of the amount of money spent annually from the year 2006 up to now for the aforesaid pre schools from the Pradeshiya Sabha Fund ; and
 - (iv) the number of libraries belonging to the aforesaid Pradeshiya Sabha; and
 - (v) of their names?
- (d) If not, why?

1998/'11

5.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a person by the name of Nimal Punchihewa—
 - (i) earns a salary by working as the Chairman of the Land Reforms Commission ; and
 - (ii) also earns a salary by working as the Additional Secretary (Legal) of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka ; in addition to the salary mentioned in (a) (i) above?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the person by the name of Nimal Punchihewa is over 60 years of age ;
 - (ii) whether the Cabinet approval has been given to Nimal Punchihewa to hold two posts in the public sector simultaneously ; and
 - (iii) if not, the steps taken with regard to the aforesaid person?
- (c) If not, why?

2027/'11

6.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) women and small children are employed as domestic aids, baby sitters and garden keepers through informal and irregular means at present; and
 - (ii) small children and women working in that manner are often subjected to various kinds of torture?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to establish an institution with a proper procedure for the registration of those who seek employment for the aforesaid jobs to eliminate the torture of children and women in the aforesaid manner and for the benefit of both the employees and employers; and
 - (ii) whether necessary steps will be taken to provide, only those who have been registered with an institution thus established with the jobs mentioned in a (i) above, in a proper manner?
- (c) If not, why?

2033/'11

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which the Cadet Training Camps situated in Rantembe were started ;
 - (ii) of the number of Cadet platoons that have been accommodated at the aforesaid camp at present;
 - (iii) of the number of Cadets who can undergo residential training in the aforesaid camp at a time;
 - (iv) whether any training Camps have been conducted with the participation of a number of Students, exceeding the aforesaid number;
 - (v) of the minimum age limit of the students who are eligible for the cadet training;
 - (vi) whether students below the minimum age limit have under gone Cadet training of the aforesaid camp; and
 - (vii) if so, the action that will be taken regarding the officers who were incharge of the camps that were conducted with the participation of the aforesaid students?

(b) If not, why?

1656/'11

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the buildings at the tea and rubber factories of the Kotagala Plantations Company belonging to the Enduragala Estate located in the Ingiriya Divisional Secretariat Division of the Kalutara District have remained abandoned for many years without being put to use?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to reopen this factory and grant relief to the people of the area;
 - (ii) if not, whether action will be taken to use it for some other gainful purpose; and
 - (iii) if action is so taken, the purpose for which it will be used ?
- (c) If not, why?

1747/'11

9.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the government accepts the casino as a normal course of business;
 - (ii) if not, as to why the activities pertaining to casinos are legalised and taxed; and
 - (iii) the benefits received to the country through casinos?
- (b) If not, why?

1999/'11

10.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the monthly salary and other allowances received by the person by the name of Nimal Punchihewa, who works in the Land Reforms Commission;
 - (ii) whether he uses an official vehicle provided by the Land Reforms Commission; and
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid person has revealed to the Land Reforms Commission that he is doing another public sector job in addition to working in the Land Reforms Commission?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the aforesaid person receives a salary of Rs. 80,000/= for working in the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid person is also using a vehicle, which belongs to the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, as an official vehicle?
- (c) If not, why?

2035/'11

11.

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

(a) Will he State—

- (i) whether government security officers have been deployed for the security of persons who are not representatives of the public ;
- (ii) the names and other details of the persons who have been provided with security in the aforesaid manner ;
- (iii) whether the officers who have been deployed for their security are police officers, officers of Ministerial Security Division or officers of Army ; and
- (iv) separately, the number of back up vehicles provided to each person, who is not a Member of the Parliament and has been provided with security as mentioned above?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the authority who decides whether a certain person should be provided with VIP Security ; and
- (ii) of the methodology of providing the aforesaid security?

(c) If not, why?

2269/'12

12.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the total amount of money spent for Samurdhi ration allowance during 2011;
- (ii) the recurrent expenditure for implementing the Samurdhi programme in that year;
- (iii) whether he admits the fact that it is appropriate to allocate more funds for the Samurdhi ration allowance when compared to the aforesaid recurrent expenditure?

(b) If not, why?

1657/11

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the total number of students enrolled by the University Grants Commission to the government universities in each of the years during the period from the academic year 2005-2006 up to the academic year 2010-2011;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of male students and female students enrolled to the medical faculties in the academic years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011;
 - (iii) whether there is a decline in the number of students enrolled to the medical faculties in the academic year 2010-2011 in comparison with the academic year 2009-2010; and
 - (iv) if so, the reasons for it?
- (b) If not, why?

1748/11

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Chinese projects that the Sri Lankan government got involved with, from 2005 to 2011;
 - (ii) the names of those projects; and
 - (iii) the Chinese Aid component in comparison to the full value of the each project?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of Chinese workers that are requested by the Chinese company to be employed here separately on per project basis ;
 - (ii) whether the requests of the Chinese companies pertaining to employing Chinese workers were agreed to; and
 - (iii) if so, the justification and compelling reason to agree to their requests?
- (c) If not, why?

2036/'11

15.

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

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the amount of money spent annually by Sri Lanka Cricket for sending its officers abroad from the year 2008 up to now ;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on each of the occasions when officers were sent abroad in each of the aforesaid years ; and
 - (iii) the number of days spent abroad by the officers on each of those occasions?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the positive or negative results gained by the game of cricket as an outcome of the aforesaid foreign trips made by the officers ;
 - (ii) separately of the amounts of money spent on travelling, accommodation and other expenses of each of the officers who went abroad ;
 - (iii) whether tour itineraries relevant to the trips made by the aforesaid officers will be submitted ; and
 - (iv) separately of the monthly salaries and other allowances of the aforesaid officers?
- (c) If not, why?

Tuesday, June 05, 2012

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0449/'10

1.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the Government Policy on Commercial Banks; and
 - (ii) whether the Government is purchasing shares in Private Banks?
- (b) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the total purchasing of private bank shares through ETF, or any other government Institution as at today;
 - (ii) the percentage of shares purchased from each bank and the cost paid in total separately on per year basis from the date of such purchasing was done ; and
 - (iii) the risk bearer of purchasing of shares in case of a falling share prices?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the In-service Advisors play a pivotal role towards a qualitative Development in Education ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the methodology followed in recruiting In-service Advisors; and
 - (ii) the privileges and allowances they are entitled to?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether arrangements will be made to—
 - (i) create an in-service Advisors Service with a view to obtaining a more efficient service from the In-service Advisors by making them satisfied with their job; and
 - (ii) make their jobs more Secure through that?
- (d) If so, will he state the time that will be taken to do that ?
- (e) If not, why?

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekera,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to recruit employees for the public service without holding competitive examinations;
 - (ii) if so, the number that will be recruited under such scheme; and
 - (iii) the minimum qualifications considered in recruiting such personnel?
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether he admits that a severe injustice is caused to those who faced examinations due to the recruitments made in the aforesaid manner without holding competitive examinations while thousands of persons who sat for the competitive examinations for recruitment to public service and scored high marks remain unemployed even at present; and
 - (ii) if so, whether a fair programme will be put in place to provide employment to those who have sat and passed the competitive examinations?
- (c) If not, why?

1859/11

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of beef and mutton stalls belonging to the Vavuniya Urban Council; and
 - (ii) the locations of the aforesaid stalls?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether the calling of tenders or public auctioning took place in leasing the beef stalls at Poonthottam, Kurumankadu and near the Vauniya fair and the mutton stalls at Kurumankadu and near the Vauniya fair; and
 - (ii) separately, the amount for which each stall was leased in the years 2009,2010 and 2011 and the names of lessees?
- (c) Will he admit that—
- (i) according to the minutes of the meeting of the Urban Council held on 29.06.2011 the beef stall and the mutton stall near the Vavuniya fair have been awarded respectively for a person named S.K. Cader and a person named K.K. Musthang at bargain prices of Rs. 859711.05 and Rs. 79315.50 without calling for tenders; and
 - (ii) as a result, the Council has incurred a loss amounting to nearly Rs. 10 million in relation to the above three years?
- (d) If so, will he state whether action will be taken to recover the aforesaid amounts of money from those responsible for it?
- (e) If not, why?

1978/11

5.

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Mr. D.M. Piyadasa, D.M. Gunadasa, R.M. Amaradasa, T.A. Sarath, M.P. Gunapala, D.M. Rathnasiri, D.M. Sarath, J.M. Premalatha and H.M. Gunasekara in the Galtemmandiya Grama Niladhari Division in the Buttala Divisional Secretariat Division in the Moneragala district are low income earners who received Samurdhi benefits;and
 - (ii) at present they have been deprived of the Samurdhi benefit?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether arrangements will be made to grant samurdhi benefits back to those people who are in a very helpless state owing to the deprivation of the samurdhi benefit?
- (c) If not, why?

1989/'11

6.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Chavakachcheri Urban Council has failed to remove the waste matter of the toilets in 12 schools in its area ; and
 - (ii) the Urban Council has been informed of the aforesaid situation by the administrations of the schools concerned?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to give necessary instructions to the Chavakachcheri Urban Council to address this problematic situation and provide all the resources that can be provided properly by the Urban Council to those schools?
- (c) If not, why?

2025/'11

7.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of non-Sri Lankan students enrolled to the universities in Sri Lanka in the year 2011 to follow the first degree courses and the post graduate degree courses ; and
 - (ii) separately, as per university and degree course, the above number of students enrolled to follow the first degree courses and the post graduate degree courses?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the income received from non-Sri Lankan students enrolled to the universities of Sri Lanka in the year 2011 for following the first degree courses and the post graduate degree courses ;
 - (ii) Whether the “Leadership and Personality Development” training programme was conducted for non-Sri Lankan students enrolled to universities in Sri Lanka ;
 - (iii) if not, the reasons for same ; and
 - (iv) whether plans have been made to conduct the above training programme for those students in the future?
- (c) If not, why?

2057/11

8.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) all purchases and sales (separately) of listed shares at the Colombo Stock Exchange done by the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) in the last two years ;
 - (ii) the names of brokers responsible for each transaction ;
 - (iii) the cost of each transaction, inclusive of brokerage fees separately ; and
 - (iv) the brokerage fees paid to each stock broker company for the aforesaid period of 2 years?
- (b) Will he state the closing price of each share in (a) (i) above for two weeks prior to each purchase or sale, and 2 weeks since the purchase or sale?
- (c) If not, why?

2087/11

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the measures that have been taken by the government for the betterment of the Buddhist Sacred places of worship in our country ;
 - (ii) whether an adequate amount of money has been allocated for that purpose during the period from year 2005 to year 2010 ; and
 - (iii) separately, of the amounts of money, spent for that purpose in each of the years during the aforesaid period?
- (b) If not, why?

2102/11

10.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the courses of action taken so far with regard to the confirmation in the service of the acting principals in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the outstanding amount, if they are to be paid as salary arrears for period during which they have served as acting principals;
 - (iii) the date on which the above mentioned arrears will be paid ; and
 - (iv) the percentage of the representation of women among the aforesaid acting principals?
- (b) If not, why?

2112/'11

11.

Hon. John Amaratunga,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the name and designation of the Officer of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in charge of the Employees Provident Fund ;
 - (ii) the academic qualifications of the aforesaid officer ;
 - (iii) the period of service of the said officer at the Central Bank ;
 - (iv) the name, designation and academic qualifications of each of the members of the Investment Committee in the Central Bank ; and
 - (v) the period of service at the Central Bank of each of the officers referred to at (iv) above?
- (b) If not, why?

1551/'11

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Transport—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the commencing date and the completion date of Sri Lanka railway lines modernization project implemented in year 2010 with the Indian aid ;
 - (ii) the total cost estimated for the above project and the final cost at the time of its completion; and
 - (iii) the cost incurred on the labour?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of local and foreign workers involved in the project separately;
 - (ii) the designations given to the foreign workers of aforesaid project by the company or country by whom they were brought to Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) the values of the EPF and ETF paid on behalf of the workers of the Sri Lanka railway line modernisation project?
- (c) If not why?

1590/11

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Kumbukkana, Okkampitiya, Buttala and Sellakataragama roads were carpeted under the development programme carried out in line with the “ Deyata Kirula” exhibition held in Buttala in the Moneragala district; and
 - (ii) some of those roads have caved in by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) of the sum of money spent to develop each of those roads; and
 - (ii) of the local or foreign Institution or Institutions that provided aforesaid amount of money ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name/names of the contractor / contractors to whom the development work of those roads were handed over;
 - (ii) of the institution that oversaw the development work; and
 - (iii) whether arrangements will be made to have those places that have caved in, repaired by those contractors ?
- (d) If not, why?

1867/11

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the domestic and foreign loans obtained by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation on long term and short term basis as at 31.06.2011, separately;
 - (ii) the amounts of loans obtained under each loan item in each year from the year 2007 up to now, separately;
 - (iii) the reasons for obtaining the aforesaid loans in each year mentioned above, separately;
 - (iv) the interest rates on which each of the aforesaid loans was obtained; and
 - (v) the amounts that have been repaid by now out of the loans so obtained?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the steps that have been taken by the government for the protection of the Christian and Catholic shrines in our country ;
 - (ii) whether a sufficient amount of money has been allocated for the aforesaid purpose during the period from year 2005 upto 2010 ; and
 - (iii) the amounts of money, spent for the aforesaid purpose in each year during the period of time mentioned above?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, June 06, 2012
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of gold reserves of the government of Sri Lanka auctioned through the Central Bank as at 01st September 2010;
 - (ii) the value of the gold auctioned as above, in US dollars and Sri Lankan Rupees separately ;
 - (iii) the prices at which the Gold was bought by the Government; and
 - (iv) whether any confiscated Gold has being added to the Central Bank Reserves?
- (b) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether any gold owned by the government has been sold during last 2 years;
 - (ii) if so, the selling price of the gold; and
 - (iii) whether such sale of gold was done through tenders or auctions?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) principals who were absorbed into the Principals' Service while serving in the Teachers' Service subsequent to the passing of the competitive examination to recruit principals, are paid a lower salary than that of their previous service; and
 - (ii) they are subject to severe mental agony and economic hardships as a result?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to place this group, who are engaged in school administrative activities with immense dedication, in a higher salary scale than the scale they received previously while serving in the Teachers' Service;
 - (ii) whether a scheme has been prepared for this purpose by now;
 - (iii) if not, the timeframe in which such a scheme will be prepared?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the profit earned or loss incurred by the Kelanitissa dual power station from May 2010 up to now?
- (b) If a loss has been incurred, will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reason for it ;
 - (ii) of the persons who bear that loss ;
 - (iii) of the persons responsible for that loss ; and
 - (iv) whether people will be provided with some kind of relief if they had to bear the loss?
- (c) If not, why?

1861/'11

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of money allocated by the Governor of the Northern Province to Vavuniya Urban Council in year 2009 for the eradication of dengue;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not submitting the accounts reports and details relevant to the spending of that amount of money to the Urban Council up to now; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to have those accounts reports and details submitted to the Urban Council?
- (b) If not, why?

2001/'11

5.

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) all the stalls from number 4 to 17, out of the 17 stalls built in the new Pradesheeya Sabha building in the Buttala town, except stall number 11 which has been reserved for the stall of the Fisheries Corporation, have been given for about Rupees 20 lakhs each offer calling for tenders;
 - (ii) a decision was arrived at, in the monthly meeting of the Sabha not to give stalls number 1,2 and 3 through tenders since such stalls will be required for future needs of the Sabha;
 - (iii) later tenders submitted by their friends with a low value Rs 10 lakhs each in relation to the above three stalls have been accepted;
 - (iv) the aforesaid Pradesheeya Sabha has lost a huge income owing to the above calling of tenders that was done without any transparency; and
 - (v) a massive financial fraud has taken place through this improper calling of tenders?
- (b) Will he state whether he will make arrangements for an impartial inquiry to be initiated in relation to the above calling of tenders?
- (c) If not, why?

2089/11

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the steps that have been taken by the government for the protection of the Hindu shrines in our country ;
 - (ii) separately, the amount of money spent for the aforesaid purpose in each year 2005-year 2010 ; and
 - (iii) whether the amount allocated for the above purpose was adequate?
- (b) If not, why?

2103/11

7.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately in relation to each District and each year—
 - (i) the number of students who have obtained passes for all 8 subjects ;
 - (ii) the number of students who have got through the exam on the basis of medium of instruction, namely Sinhala, Tamil and English ; and
 - (iii) the number of students who have failed mathematics, first language, English and Science ;out of the school candidates who sat for G.C.E (Ordinary Level) examination from the year 2005 to 2010?
- (b) Will he state separately at District level, the number of teachers available for teaching Mathematics, First Language, English and Science in government schools?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of national schools and provincial council schools which are using English medium in addition to Sinhala medium ; and
 - (ii) separately the number of teachers available in the aforesaid schools to teach each of the subjects?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Licences issued to establish Commercial Banks in Sri Lanka to date from the inception of the Central Bank;
 - (ii) the number of branches operating under each main Bank separately;
 - (iii) the paid up share capital of aforesaid banks; and
 - (iv) the required share capital for Commercial Banks as at to date?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether any of the above banks of which Head quarters is in Sri Lanka has remitted money to buy an Overseas Bank; and
 - (ii) if so, the name of the Bank and the value of the money approved by the Bank?
- (c) Will he inform—
 - (i) the number of licenses issued for Non Commercial Banks ;
 - (ii) the number of non Commercial Banks currently operating in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) the share capital of those Banks;
 - (iv) whether any Commercial or Non Commercial bank has gone bankrupt; and
 - (v) If so, the names of those banks and their directors ?
- (d) If not why?

1634/11

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that approximately 150 acres of paddy lands have not been brought under cultivation as the canals and the anicuts of the stretch of paddy lands named “ Badulu paddy lands” in the Kithalagama West Grama Niladhari Division in Matara district have not renovated properly ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the irrigation system of the aforesaid stretch of paddy lands will be renovated expeditiously; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid renovation work will be completed?
- (c) If not , why?

1659/11

10.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the number of employees worked in Sri Lanka Cricket by year 2011 on permanent, casual and contract basis ; and
 - (ii) their names, designations, relevant salaries and other facilities provided to them?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of employees who have been paid bonus out of the above mentioned number of employees ;
 - (ii) their names and designations ;
 - (iii) the amount of bonus paid to each employee ;
 - (iv) the total amount of money spent for that payment ; and
 - (v) the sources that provided funds for the aforesaid payment?
- (c) If not, why?

2090/11

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the steps taken by the government for the protection of the Muslim shrines in our country ;
 - (ii) separately of the amounts of money spent for the aforesaid purpose in each year during the period from the year 2005 up to 2010 ; and
 - (iii) whether the amount allocated for the above purpose was adequate?
- (b) If not, why?

2105/11

12.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that children drop out at different grades within the school educational process in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the drop-out rate in relation to (a) above ;
 - (ii) separately, the number of drop-outs in each District ;
 - (iii) the drop-out rate at Grade 5 ; and
 - (iv) the drop-out rate after sitting for the G.C.E (Ordinary Level) Examination?

- (c) Will he state the drop-out rates in relation to Sinhala medium students and Tamil medium students separately?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for school drop-out in Sri Lanka ; and
 - (ii) the programmes that are implemented to motivate children to attend schools?
- (e) If not, why?

1552/11

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House the labour cost as at the completion of the construction of Norochcholai coal power plant project?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of foreign workers and local workers employed in the Norochcholai coal power plant construction project separately;
 - (ii) the designations given to the foreign workers by the country or company by which they were brought to Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) the values of the EPF and ETF paid on behalf of the workers of the Norochcholai coal power plant construction project?
- (c) If not, why?

1870/11

14.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the daily income and the monthly income of the division of Sri Lanka Telecom which provides telephone facilities through Internet (VOIP) ;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid division has been closed down by now ;
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it was closed down ;
 - (iv) the reasons for closing down the aforesaid division ; and
 - (v) the profit earned or the loss incurred by the aforesaid division at the time it was closed down?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Sri Lankan Airline is operating successfully at present ;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid Airline has operated successfully during the period from the year 2005 up to 2010 ; and
 - (iii) separately, the progress achieved by the Sri Lankan Airlines in each year during the aforesaid period of time?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, June 07, 2012

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of foreign students who enrolled in local universities from year 2006 to 2010 on per year and per country basis separately;
 - (ii) the fields of study for which they have been enrolled; and
 - (iii) the amount of foreign exchange received by Sri Lanka from the aforesaid students on per year basis?
- (b) Will he state whether an alternative programme will be introduced to attract more foreign students to local universities?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of local students lose out owing to foreign students coming into the local university system; and
 - (ii) as to how this problem is resolved?
- (d) If not, why?

1120/'11

2.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether approval has been obtained for two Cabinet Memoranda relating to granting Government teaching appointments to those who are involved in teaching in the Dhamma Schools, having passed the 'Dharmacharya' examination;
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to give government teaching appointments to the aforesaid set of teachers during the year of 2600th 'Sambuddhathwa Jayanthi'; and
- (iii) if so, the date on which such appointments will be made?

(b) If not, why?

1664/'11

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(2)

(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?

4. Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,— (3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of estates that belong to the Elkaduwa Plantation Company, and their names; and
 - (ii) whether the Administration of that company is vested with the absolute power to recruit, remove and extend the services of employees?
- (b) Is he aware of the fact that the Current Chairman of this Company is a person with a record of Committing acts of corruption and fraud in the estate sector?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an investigation is being carried out with regard to such acts of corruption and fraud;
 - (ii) the progress of that investigation;
 - (iii) the course of action to be taken against that Chairman if he is found guilty at the investigation; and
 - (iv) whether the reports of Accounts of the Elkaduwa Plantation Company, submitted by him are acceptable?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of estates of this company which made profits from 2007-2010;
 - (ii) if losses were incurred, the amount of the loss; and
 - (iii) whether acts of corruption and malpractices attributed to it?
- (e) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a related operations office has been set up, as per a recommendation made by a COPE report on this Company;
 - (ii) the reason for establishing that office;
 - (iii) the cost incurred on it; and
 - (iv) the current progress of that office?
- (f) If not, why?

2092/'11

5.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Farmers' Pension Scheme has become completely inactive by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the amounts of money spent for implementing the Farmers' Pension Scheme in each year during the period from the year 2005 up to 2010 ; and
 - (ii) of the steps that will be taken to strengthen the Farmers' Pension Scheme?
- (c) If not, why?

2107/'11

6.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of non estate schools operative in each district in Sri Lanka where educational activities are conducted only in Tamil medium ;
 - (ii) the number of National schools, Provincial Councils, Navodya and Isuru schools ; and
 - (iii) the number of Primary and Secondary schools amongst those Tamil medium schools?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of non-estate Tamil medium schools belonging to the 1000 secondary school project ; and
 - (ii) separately of the names of such schools, as per each district?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the dropout rate of school children of the government Tamil schools which are currently in operation ; and
 - (ii) the number of government Tamil schools that were closed down during the past 5 years?
- (d) If not, why?

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the date on which the project for reconstruction and repair of BMICH was commenced ;
 - (ii) the date on which the aforesaid project was completed;
 - (iii) the total cost estimated and the actual cost incurred at the time of the completion of the project; and
 - (iv) the labour cost component of the project?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of foreign workers and local workers employed in the BMICH reconstruction project separately;
 - (ii) the designations given to the foreign workers by the country or company by which they were brought to Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) the values of the EPF and ETF paid on behalf of the workers of the aforesaid project?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that due to the caving in of the spill of the “Panahanduwa” tank administered by the Kibolketiya Agrarian Service Centre of the Ratnapura District, the farmer community of the area has encountered a host of problems as an extent of 60 acres of paddy lands face the threat of ruination ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to promptly restore the spill of the aforesaid tank; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time to be taken for this purpose ?
- (c) If not, why?

1871/11

9.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(1)

(a) Will he State—

- (i) the amount estimated for the renovation of Jaffna Telecom building;
- (ii) the names and addresses of those who submitted applications, if tenders were called for the renovation of that building;
- (iii) the names and address of the persons who offered the lowest bids in their applications according to the tender procedure; and
- (iv) the name of the person or the institution that was awarded the tender and the amount of the bid?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether construction work of the aforesaid building has been completed by now; and
- (ii) if so, the total amount of money spent on it?

(c) If not, why?

2093/11

10.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the wild elephant population in Sri Lanka at present ;
- (ii) the courses of action that have been taken for the conservation of wild elephants ;
- (iii) the results that have been achieved through the courses of action mentioned above ; and
- (iv) separately, the amount of money that has been allocated for the conservation of wild elephants in each year during the period from the years 2005 up to 2010?

(b) If not, why?

2113/11

11.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the number of street-children in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a Police Children's Bureau affiliated to the National Child Protection Authority has been established to fully ensure the protection and the care of all children as per the Mahinda Chinthana Vision for the future;
 - (ii) if so, the district in which it is located ; and
 - (iii) whether a court system exclusively for children has been established by now?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an allowance of Rs. 60/- is being paid currently instead of the monthly allowance of Rs. 200/- paid for purchasing milk for children up to five years of age in line with the Mahinda Chinthana-Vision for the future ;
 - (ii) if so, the year in which the payment of the aforesaid allowance commenced ; and
 - (iii) the number of children benefitted from it?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a gift parcel containing what is required for the child is provided in addition to the nutritious food basket set out in the Mahinda Chinthana when babies are delivered by mothers receiving Samurdhi benefits ; and
 - (ii) the number of families who received that benefit?
- (e) If not, why?

1554/11

12.

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

- (a) Will he state whether—
 - (i) the Chinese Cultural Centre constructed near Viharamahadevi park was a gift from the Chinese government to Sri Lanka government received under the premiership of Hon. Ranil Wickramasinghe during 2002 –2004; and
 - (ii) it was a outright gift?

- (b) Will he also state —
- (i) the commencing date and the completion date of the construction of Chinese Cultural Centre;
 - (ii) the total cost estimated for the above project and the final cost at the time of its completion; and
 - (iii) the cost incurred on the labour?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of local and foreign workers employed in the project separately;
 - (ii) the designations given to the foreign workers of aforesaid project by the company or country by whom they were brought to Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) the values of the EPF and ETF paid on behalf of the workers of the Chinese Cultural Centre construction project?
- (d) If not why?

1636/11

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) more than five years have lapsed since the receipt of a foreign grant of Rs. 3000 million for the reconstruction of the Mahamodara, Hospital in Gale which was destroyed by the Tsunami; and
 - (ii) the construction activities of the aforesaid hospital have been limited to the foundation up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether tax concessions of the government have been granted to the contractor for the construction of this hospital ?
- (c) Will he State—
- (i) the country which granted Rs .3000 Million for the construction of the hospital;
 - (ii) whether the Ministry of Health has conducted an inquiry to look into the non-construction of the hospital building by the contractor after having taken the aforesaid amount;
 - (iii) if so, the outcome of that inquiry; and
 - (iv) if an inquiry was not conducted, the reason for the same?

- (d) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there is a plan to seek a foreign loan again and resume this construction;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of that foreign loan; and
 - (iii) the name of the agency and the country from which the loan is obtained ?
- (e) If not, why?

1902/'11

14.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether arrangements have been made to set up nude beaches in Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) if such nude beaches are set up, the names of beaches expected to be allocated for that purpose ;
 - (iii) the reasons for setting up of nude beaches ; and
 - (iv) the benefits expected through the setting up of such beaches?
- (b) If not, why?

2094/'11

15.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the measures taken by Sri Lanka to get the opportunity to host the Commonwealth Games - 2018 in Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) separately, the amounts of money spent on each of the aforesaid measures ; and
 - (iii) the ways in which the aforesaid provisions were obtained?
- (b) If not, why?

Friday, June 08, 2012
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0771/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the government in the last 6 years has borrowed in order to finance the government actions;
- (ii) the projected total debt repayment in terms of capital and interest cost for year 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- (iii) the total debt repayment in terms of capital and interest cost for year 2003,2004,and 2005;
- (iv) the balance of payments deficit in years 2008, 2009 and 2010; and
- (v) the envisage balance of payments deficit or amounts in year 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014?

(b) If not, why?

1157/'11

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware that the shares of Lanka Marine Services were transferred to the government consequent to a court order ;
- (ii) the name under which the aforesaid institution is currently being run;
- (iii) whether the shares of the aforesaid institution have been sold to other institutions; and
- (iv) if so, the names of such institutions ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of fuel tanks being constructed for supplying oil to ships arriving at the Magampura Port, Hambantota;
- (ii) whether there is a plan to lease out the aforesaid fuel tanks to a foreign company or companies; and
- (iii) if so, the names of companies for which the tanks are expected to be leased ?

(c) If not, why ?

1666/11

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (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?

2024/11

4.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total amount of money provided by the Ministry of Economic Development in the year 2011 to carpet the roads in the Millaniya Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) the names of roads carpeted by using the aforesaid amount of money;
 - (iii) the lengths of the stretches of road that have been carpeted in relation to each of the aforesaid roads; and
 - (iv) the number of cubes of carpet mixture used to carpet the aforesaid roads?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name/names of the contractor or contractors that undertook the carpeting of the aforesaid roads;
 - (ii) whether agreements have been signed with relevance to the contracts awarded to each of the aforesaid companies;
 - (iii) if so, whether those agreements will be tabled; and
 - (iv) if agreements have not been signed, the reasons for that?

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether the proper tender procedure was followed when awarding the aforesaid contracts;
 - (ii) if not, the system followed for awarding the contracts; and
 - (iii) the steps taken to prevent the irregularities that may take place in the aforesaid projects?
- (d) If not, why?

2095/11

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

- (a) Will he admit—
- (i) that Sri Lanka Police also rendered a great service equal to that of the three armed forces, to end the war which prevailed for 30 years in Sri Lanka ; and
 - (ii) that a difference exists between the salaries of the officers of Sri Lanka Police Department and the salaries of the officers of the three armed forces?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether necessary action will be taken to increase the salaries of the aforesaid police officers in order to make them equal to the salaries of the officers of the three armed forces holding similar ranks?
- (c) If not, why?

2110/11

6. Hon. John Amaratunga,— Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) the value of the shares held by the Employees Provident Fund in Commercial banks in Sri Lanka or abroad on per bank basis ;
 - (ii) the dates on which each lot of shares were purchased on per company basis ;
 - (iii) the person and/or persons from whom such shares were purchased on per company basis ;
 - (iv) the value at which each lot of shares was purchased;
 - (v) if any such shares have been subsequently sold, the price at which they were sold and the persons to whom they were sold; and
 - (vi) the names, designations and academic qualifications of the nominees of Government and/or Employees Provident Fund to the Boards of Directors of each bank in which the shares are being held ?
- (b) If not, why?

1602/11

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) as to when the Act to impose a 100% tax on purchasing of lands and buildings in Sri Lanka by foreigners was introduced;
- (ii) the intention of introducing such legislature;
- (iii) the number of foreign companies/ individuals who have paid the tax under the provisions of the aforesaid Act from its induction to date;
- (iv) the amounts paid by them to date on per year basis; and
- (v) the number of companies/ individual foreigners who were exempted from paying aforesaid tax and their names?

(b) If not, why?

1637/11

8.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the buildings of the New Chattel Estate Hospital in the Madurawala Medical Officer of Health Division in Agalawatta area in Kalutara District are in a dilapidated condition;
- (ii) estimates have been prepared by officers for the renovation of the Hospital; and
- (iii) even the essential drugs are not available at this hospital and as a result the people of the area face, immense difficulties?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to renovate the Hospital soon in order to overcome the situation mentioned above; and
- (ii) if so, the period of time taken for it?

(c) If not, why?

1903/11

9.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

(a) Will he State—

- (i) whether the ownership of Carlton Sports Network is with the government or an institution affiliated to the government;
- (ii) if its ownership is with a private institution, the name/names and address/addresses of the owner/owners of that institution; and
- (iii) the names and addresses of the Board of Directors of that institution?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the date on which telecasting of Carlton Sports Network was started or is due to be started;
- (ii) the frequency range allocated for the purpose of starting that channel;
- (iii) the period of time for which telecasting rights were granted to Carlton Sports Network; and
- (iv) the documents that granted approval for starting that channel and the agreements relevant to the granting of broadcasting rights?

(c) Will he State—

- (i) the amount paid for starting that channel;
- (ii) whether the documents relevant to the aforesaid payment will be submitted?

(d) If not, why?

2096/11

10.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the measures taken to develop the livestock in Sri Lanka, in keeping with the Mahinda Chinthana Programme ; and
- (ii) the measures taken to increase the number of cattle?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of grasslands that have been reserved for cattle ;
 - (ii) of the total acreage of such grasslands ;
 - (iii) whether grasslands are allotted for small-scale rural farmers to rear their cattle ; and
 - (iv) the steps taken for the welfare of the farmers who rear milk cows at small-scale in rural areas?
- (c) If not, why?

2111/11

11.

Hon. John Amaratunga,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the names of the Finance and/or Fund Management Companies owned wholly or partly by the Government of Sri Lanka and any of its agencies ;
 - (ii) the issued capital of each of these companies ;
 - (iii) the total assets of each of these companies as reflected in the respective last certified balance sheet ; and
 - (iv) the names, designations and academic qualifications of each of the members of the several Boards of Directors of aforesaid companies?
- (b) If not, why?

1638/11

12.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the construction work of the Katupiladanduwa high-tension electrification scheme in the Bingiriya area in Kurunegala District has been stopped for several years; and
 - (ii) the people of the area face immense hardships as the villages in the aforesaid area do not get sufficient electricity supply ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to re-commence the construction work of that electrification scheme?
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

1705/'11

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the Ambassadors or High Commissioners in Sri Lankan Embassies or High Commissions worldwide on per country basis;
- (ii) the other countries covered by each High Commissioner or Ambassador from his base station if any;
- (iii) the experience of the Ambassadors/High Commissioners who have been appointed from the diplomatic service;
- (iv) the experience or the credentials of the Ambassadors/High Commissioners who have been appointed to the office on political basis; and
- (v) the significant achievements of each Embassy achieved during the last 5 years on behalf of the Sri Lanka?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the number of staff members in each Embassy or High Commission posted from Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) the annual cost incurred on aforesaid staff in each Embassy or High Commission separately?

(c) If not, why?

1904/'11

14.

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether helicopters have been purchased for the Sri Lanka Air Force in year 2011;
- (ii) if so, the number of helicopters purchased, separately, on each type;
- (iii) of the amount of money spent for purchasing each of those helicopters; and
- (iv) the name of the country from which helicopters were purchased?

- (b) Will he State—
- (i) the basis on which these helicopters were purchased;
 - (ii) the period of repayment of the loans, if they were purchased on loan or aid basis;
 - (iii) whether he will table all the documents pertaining to this transaction?
- (c) If not, why?

2097/'11

15.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of graduates recruited to the public service under the implementation of priority matters of the government in year 1999 and the implemented in year 2005 to provide employment for unemployed graduates ;
 - (ii) whether their recruitment was done under a specific recruitment procedure with a promotion scheme ;
 - (iii) of the number of graduates who were able to get promotions on a proper procedure, out of the total number of graduates recruited in the aforesaid manner ;
 - (iv) whether arrangements will be made to grant promotions according to a specific procedure to the graduates who were recruited to the public service where a promotions procedure that enables even a Karyala Karya Sahayaka who joins public service to retire as a staff grade officer, exists ; and
 - (v) if so, the time frame required for that?
- (b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.8/'10

1.

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

2.

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

3.

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

4.

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

5.

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

6.

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

7.

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

8.

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

9.

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

10.

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

11.

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.20/'10

12.

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

13.

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

14.

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

15.

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

16.

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

17.

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

18.

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

19.

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

20.

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

21.

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

22.

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

23.

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

24.

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

25.

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.44/10

26.

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

27.

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

28.

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

29.

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

30.

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

31.

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

32.

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

33.

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 archaeological 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 archaeological 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.55/' 10

34.

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

35.

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

36.

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

37.

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

38.

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

39.

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

40.

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

41.

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.69/'10

42.

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.71/10

43.

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

44.

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

45.

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

46.

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

47.

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

48.

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

49.

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

50.

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

51.

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

52.

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

53.

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

54.

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

55.

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

56.

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

57.

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

58.

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

59.

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

60.

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

61.

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

62.

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

63.

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

64.

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

65.

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

66.

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

67.

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

68.

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

69.

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

70.

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

71.

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

72.

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

73.

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

74.

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

75.

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

76.

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

77.

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

78.

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

79.

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

80.

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

81.

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

82.

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

83.

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

84.

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

85.

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

86.

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

87.

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

88.

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

89.

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

90.

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.

P.124/'11

91.

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.

P.126/'11

92.

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.

P.127/'11

93.

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.

P.128/'11

94.

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.

P.129/'11

95.

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.

P.130/'11

96.

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.

P.131/'11

97.

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.

P.132/'11

98.

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.

P.133/'11

99.

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.

P.134/'11

100.

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.

P.138/'11

101.

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

P.139/'11

102.

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

P.140/'11

103.

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.

P.141/'11

104.

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.

P.142/'11

105.

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.

P.143/'11

106.

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

P.144/'11

107.

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.

P.146/'11

108.

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.

P.147/'11

109.

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.

P.151/'11

110.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Regulating broadcasting of radio,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be introduced to incorporate an independent authority that will regulate broadcasting of radio.

P.152/'11

111.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Regulating telecasting of TV programs,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be introduced to incorporate an independent authority that will regulate telecasting of TV programs.

P.153/'11

112.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Introducing Public Accounts Committees in Municipalities,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be introduced to establish Public Accounts Committees in every Municipality by 1st January 2013.

P.154/11

113.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Enacting the Bill of Rights,— That this Parliament resolves that a bill taking on the Bill of Rights that is a cornerstone of Democracy in South Africa that affirms the democratic values of Human Dignity, Equality and Freedom be enacted in Sri Lanka ensuring the rights of all people of the country that must be respected, protected, promoted and fulfilled by the State subject to limitations specified in the Bill.

P.155/11

114.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of Special Allowances to the Members of Parliament,— That this Parliament resolves that no Minister, Deputy Minister or Member of Parliament should be paid any Special Allowance at all unless it is approved by the Public Service Commission and the Salaries and Cadre Commission and brought before the Parliament.

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0773/10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that a bank guarantee of Rs. 400 million given to Greyline International Pvt. Ltd, as per the Fiscal Management Report issued on 29/06/2010?
- (b) Will he state as per the aforesaid report—
 - (i) as to why that bank guarantee was given;
 - (ii) the benefit got in return;
 - (iii) as to when the liability will be released;
 - (iv) as to why a bank guarantee of Rs. 4200 million given to CWE, State Trading Limited or State Trading Corporative Wholesale has not been released ;
 - (v) the benefit owing to the existence of aforesaid guarantee;
 - (vi) Whether a bank guarantee of Rs. 120 billion has been given to Ceylon Electricity Board related projects which causes further debt in CEB;
 - (vii) the action taken to correct this situation; and
 - (viii) Will he state the reasons for taking money from People's Bank Pension Fund by the government?
- (c) If not why?

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

- (a) Will he admit that —
- (i) the timber of the roof of the teachers quarters of the Mara / Atapattukanda Kanishta Vidyalaya administered by the Mulatiyana Divisional Education Office coming under the pruvieu of the Mulatiyana Education Zone in the Matara District, has decayed and its doors, windows and walls are in a state of severe dilapidation; and
 - (ii) the existence of such dilapidated teachers quarters poses a risk to the activities of the students of the aforesaid school ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to dismantle the above mentioned hazardous teachers quarters and construct new teachers quarters ;
 - (ii) if so, whether allocations have been made for this purpose by now;
 - (iii) the amount allocated;
 - (iv) the date of commencement of the construction of the teachers quarters; and
 - (v) the proposed date for the completion of the construction ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3. Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(2)

- (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?

2099/'11

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the methodology adopted to implement the proposal made by the 2011 budget to provide an allowance of one lakh of rupees to the war heroes serving in the security forces, at the birth of their third child ;
 - (ii) of the ranks in security forces that will be provided with the aforesaid allowance ; and
 - (iii) whether active service is considered in providing the aforesaid allowance?
- (b) If not, why?

1639/'11

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the building situated at Mailagasthanna in Badulla which was used as a food stores complex of the government has been closed down; and
 - (ii) a large number of government vehicles are decaying in the land on which the aforesaid building is situated?
- (b) Will he admit that it is a serious crime to leave the state resources to decay in the aforesaid manner?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to utilize the aforesaid food stores complex and the other related resources for productive activities expeditiously; and
 - (ii) if so, what those activities are?
- (d) If not, why?

1706/'11

6.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Private Transport Services,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the functions of the Ministry of Private Transport; and
 - (ii) the number of staff members attached to the Ministry?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the total number of private buses being operated in the country as of today;
 - (ii) the number of private buses being operated with a proper registration;
 - (iii) the number of private buses being operated without a proper registration; and
 - (iv) the number of private buses operated in the years 2000, 2003 and 2006 separately;
- (c) Will he inform this House on per year basis—
 - (i) as to when the private bus fares have been revised during the last 8 years ; and
 - (ii) the increases of the bus fair approved during the aforesaid period?
- (d) If not, why?

1905/'11

7.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a gazette extraordinary regarding acquisition of land by the state was issued in August 2011; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which such gazette notification was issued?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the lands proposed to be taken over by the government under that gazette notification;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of the owners of those lands and the extent of land to be taken over from each land owner;
 - (iii) whether the properties on those lands have been damaged prior to the issue of that gazette notification for acquisition of the aforesaid lands by the state;

- (iv) if so, whether valuation of the properties at the time they were damaged, has been carried out;
 - (v) of the authority who granted approval to demolish those properties; and
 - (vi) of the powers he has to grant such approval?
- (c) If not, why?

1707/'11

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total population of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the population over the age of 18 years; and
 - (iii) the number of registered voters out of the population over the age of 18 years?
- (b) Is he aware that there are lot of voters who have been disenfranchised and have not been able to vote regularly?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether updating the register of voters could be allowed through out the year instead of constraining it for 1st June to 31st July of a year; and
 - (ii) whether it is possible to make voting a compulsory exercise?
- (d) If not, why

1815/'11

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that as a result of the decaying of the Kanameeyagala plank bridge constructed over Digili Ela situated within within Akuressa Pradeshiya Sabha area in Matara District, the people who use it have faced a very dangerous situation?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether plans have been made to construct a new bridge at that location ;
 - (ii) whether allocations have been made in that respect by now ;
 - (iii) if so, the amount allocated ; and
 - (iv) of the date on which construction of the bridge will be started?
- (c) If not, why?

1906/11

10.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he State—
 - (i) the names and addresses of the institutions which were awarded tenders for the excavation of mineral resources by the Lanka Mineral Sands Company from year 2009;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the members of the Boards of Directors of the aforesaid institutions; and
 - (iii) the person or persons in authority who approved awarding the aforesaid tenders ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name and address of the person who held the post of Director of the Lanka Mineral Sands Company in the years 2009,2010 and 2011 and the qualifications relevant to that post; and
 - (ii) separately of the profit earned or the loss incurred by the Lanka Mineral Sands Company in each of the years during the period from year 2009 up to year 2011 ?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1065/11

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he state the total employment envisaged in creating with the setting up the factories under section 16 & 17 of the BOI Act in years 2009,2010, 2011 to date separately ?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the export potential in volume terms per year from the new BOI companies established;
 - (ii) the main countries that the investments have been come from; and
 - (iii) the amount of tax expected from the aforesaid investments from the due date of paying taxes?
- (c) If not, why?

1329/'11

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the foundation stone was laid a few years ago for the construction of the Heen-Ela Bridge at Gammulla , Yatawatta in Matale District?
- (b) Will he inform this House, with respect to the construction of the aforesaid bridge,
 - (i) of the estimated cost;
 - (ii) of the amount that has been spent by now;
 - (iii) of the institution which invested money; and
 - (iv) of the country which granted aid and the amount so granted if foreign aid was received ?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders were called for assigning the construction work of the aforesaid bridge;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the institutions that submitted tenders and the bids submitted by them, separately;
 - (iii) the name of the institution which is carrying out the construction work; and
 - (iv) the basis on which this institution was assigned with the construction work?
- (d) If not, why?

2037/'11

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the company which has been awarded the contract to supply coal for the Norachcholai Thermal Power Plant;
 - (ii) whether an accepted tender procedure has been followed in awarding that contract; and
 - (iii) if so, the names and addresses of the other tenderers who submitted tenders to get that contract?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid company, which supplies coal, has been given the approval of the Technical Assessment Committee appointed by the Ministry of Power and Energy; and
 - (ii) whether he will submit that assessment certificate?

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the date of commencement and the effective period of the agreement pertaining to supplying coal;
 - (ii) the number of metric tons of coal supplied from the commencement of the agreement up to October 2011; and
 - (iii) the actual requirement of coal for the aforesaid period?
- (d) If not, why?

1570/11

4.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) some buildings of MR/Kalubovitiyana Maha Vidyalaya which comes under the Deniyaya Education Office in the Matara district, are in a very dilapidated condition; and
 - (ii) the student of the aforesaid school engage in their studies inside those buildings in a very risky condition?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps will be taken to renovate the aforesaid buildings;
 - (ii) whether the allocations required for it have been made by now;
 - (iii) if so, the amount of money that has been allocated; and
 - (iv) if allocations have been made, the date on which the renovation work of the aforesaid building will be started?
- (c) If not, why?

1749/11

5.

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

- (a) Will state—
- (i) whether the telephone tapping is legal in Sri Lanka as of today;
 - (ii) whether the telephone tapping was done in the past;
 - (iii) if so, the period in which it was done;
 - (iv) the names of the telecommunication companies whose commitments are subject to perusal;

- (v) the person who can authorise the tapping of telephone which is an intrusion to fundamental rights of a person; and
- (vi) the names of the politicians of whom the telephone lines have been tapped?

(b) If not, why?

2039/'11

6.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of money charged by the government for each episode of foreign teledramas telecast on local television channels;
- (ii) of the date of commencement of the system of charging money for the aforesaid teledramas;
- (iii) separately of the amount of money paid to the government by each of the television channels from the commencement of that system up to now;
- (iv) of the total income obtained through the aforesaid system;
- (v) of the purpose for which that money has been utilized; and
- (vi) whether the system of charging money mentioned in (i) above is effective at present?

(b) If not, why?

1750/'11

7.

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) the number of persons who left the 3 Forces without following the proper procedure to do so;
- (ii) the reason for them to desert the forces;
- (iii) the action being taken against them; and
- (iv) the action being taken to prevent the occurrence of such desertion?

(b) Will he also state the cost to the 3 Armed forces for the last three years on per year basis?

(c) If not, why?

1816/11

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) several years have lapsed since the Galdetta, Puhulhena bridge in Dewalegama East which comes under the Mulatiyana Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara District was damaged owing to floods; and
 - (ii) as a result, the people of the area are faced with severe hardships?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to commence the renovation work of the aforesaid bridge;
 - (ii) if so, whether necessary allocations have been made for that purpose;
 - (iii) of the amount of money so allocated; and
 - (iv) of the date on which the construction work of the bridge will be recommenced?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the people of the area level allegations that the Galdetta, Puhulhena bridge, damaged by the floods was constructed without adhering to proper standards; and
 - (ii) if so, whether a formal inquiry will be conducted in this regard?
- (d) If not, why?

2040/11

9.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date from which the use of plastic crates for transporting vegetables and fruits was made mandatory;
 - (ii) the price of one plastic crate;
 - (iii) the average number of Kilogrammes of vegetables or fruits that can be packed in one crate; and
 - (iv) the capacity of one crate?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a proper study was conducted when establishing the above mentioned system of using crates; and
 - (ii) if so, whether the report of that study will be submitted?

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether those plastic crates are manufactured locally or whether they are imported;
 - (ii) the name and address of the company which manufacture or import the crates and the names and addresses of the members of the Board of Directors of that company;
 - (iii) whether a proper tender procedure was followed with regard to the supply of crates; and
 - (iv) if so, separately of the names and addresses of the tenderers and the bids offered by them?
- (d) If not, why?

Thursday, June 21, 2012

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1066/11

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House, based on the recent census and statistics—
- (i) number of villages in the country;
 - (ii) number of families live averagely in a village;
 - (iii) number of Grama Niladari Divisions and Grama Niladari posts in the country; and
 - (iv) number of Divisional Secretaries in the country ?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) Number of villages per each Province, District, Electorate, Divisional Secretariat and Grama Niladari Division separately;
 - (ii) total population per district; and
 - (iii) as to when the next official census is going to be taken place?
- (c) If not, why?

1330/11

2.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of tenders called from January 2011 up to now for the purchase of drugs required for government hospitals; and
 - (ii) the names of institutions which have submitted tenders for the supply of drugs?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there is a shortage of essential drugs at government hospitals situated throughout the island, at present;
 - (ii) of the reasons for a drug shortage in government hospitals;
 - (iii) of the types of drugs which are in short supply;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to overcome this situation promptly and supply drugs without any shortage to government hospitals; and
 - (v) if so, the program to be adopted in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

2041/11

3.

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

- (a) Will he State—
- (i) the number of institutions that submitted applications for the tender to print motor vehicle registration certificates, in response to the advertisement published by the Department of Motor Traffic;
 - (ii) the bids submitted by each of the institutions that applied for the tender, separately; and
 - (iii) the name of the institution that had submitted the lowest bid?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the names and addresses of the members of the above mentioned tender board and the posts held by them;
 - (ii) the institution that has been awarded the tender by now;
 - (iii) the names and addresses of the members of the board of directors of that institution;
 - (iv) the reasons for awarding the tender to the aforesaid institution;
 - (v) the valid period of that tender ?
- (c) If not, why?

1751/11

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of jobs that have been created in the public sector in years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011;
 - (ii) the number of graduates passed out in the years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 separately;
 - (iii) the number of unemployed graduates in the country at present; and
 - (iv) the average salary paid to a graduate in the public sector?
- (b) If not, why?

1817/11

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Mo/Si/Kongaspitiya Primary School situated in the Siyambalanduwa Divisional Secretariat Division in Monaragala District is a difficult school which is situated 12 kilometers away from the main road;
 - (ii) classes of this school are conducted in temporary huts built with iron sheets as it has not been provided with building facilities; and
 - (iii) the above mentioned situation poses a threat to the lives of the students and the teachers?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the persons who will take the responsibility if any harm is caused to the lives of teachers or students of this school under the aforesaid circumstances;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to fulfill the need for building facilities exist at Mo/Si/Kongaspitiya Primary School and remedy the unfavourable prevailing there;
 - (iii) if so, whether provisions have been allocated for this purpose;
 - (iv) the amount of money that has been allocated; and
 - (v) of the date on which the construction work of the school buildings will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

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

(a) Will he State—

- (i) the number of registered Pirivenas maintained in Sri Lanka and the number of student monks/ students currently studying in them;
- (ii) whether any payment is made monthly to those student monks / students; and
- (iii) if so, the amount paid per person?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the pledge “I will increase the provision of Rs. 1000/= provided to Pirivena students by the government, up to Rs. 2000/= ” mentioned in Mahinda Chinthana manifesto, is being implemented now;
- (ii) if so, the date on which its implementation was commenced;
- (iii) of the number that benefit out of that; and
- (iv) if that pledge has not been put into action, the reasons for that?

(c) If not, why?

7.

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

(a) Will he inform this House, since 2006 to date on per year basis—

- (i) the number of persons in three armed forces who have been subjected to court marshal;
- (ii) the names of security officials in the rank of Brigadier in the Army or equivalent ranks in the Navy and Air Force who have been subjected to court marshal along with the charges levelled against each of them; and
- (iii) the length of the punishments given to those officers separately?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the existing court system has got to approve the court marshal;
- (ii) if so, whether there is a possibility to cancel the punishments given by court marshals; and
- (iii) the person having the authority to set aside the decisions of court marshals?

(c) If not, why?

1818/11

8.

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

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) a large scale paddy store belonging to the Paddy Marketing Board built at the 1st milepost area on the Kotabowa Road belonging to the Bibila Medagama Divisional Secretariat Division of the Monaragala District has remained closed for about 20 years, without being put to any use ; and
- (ii) the said store can be rehabilitated again and used for paddy storage?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether provisions have been allocated for that purpose ;
- (ii) if not, whether action will be taken to commence any other industry there ; and
- (iii) if so, the date for same?

(c) If not, why?

2061/11

9.

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

(a) Will he State—

- (i) the number of retired public servants who draw pensions at present; and
- (ii) the insurance schemes implemented by the government which are beneficial to them;

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the insurance scheme introduced by the government in terms of the promise made in the Mahinda Chinthana 2010 which read as “An insurance scheme with a value of Rs. 10,000 a year for drugs and other Medical expenses for retired public servants will be introduced”;
 - (ii) the number of retired public servants who are entitled to receive benefits under that scheme;
 - (iii) the number of retired public servants who have received such benefits by now;
 - (iv) the amount of money paid as benefits so far; and
 - (v) if not, the date on which the provision of benefits under that Insurance scheme will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, June 22, 2012

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1069/11

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the areas that the Export Development Board helps the small and medium scale selected exporters ; and
 - (ii) the total cost incurred by EDB on five areas of assistance identified out of the above?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) the number of staff members in the EDB;
 - (ii) whether the staff members have been allocated on product range or country basis to which products are exported or they are in a pool in order to assist the exporters where ever it is possible;
 - (iii) the names of the specialists in EDB; and
 - (iv) the areas they are specialized in?
- (c) If not, why?

1334/11

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a group of permanent employees of the public service serving in the capacity of receptionist, electrician and fitter at 38 Technical Colleges belonging to the Department of Technical Education and Training that are situated throughout the country, have not been paid their salaries for a period of about one year?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the reasons for not paying salaries to that group of employees ;
- (ii) if there is any obstacle that prevents the payment of their salaries, whether measures will be taken to remove that and pay their salaries speedily ; and
- (iii) if so, the time frame required for that?

(c) If not, why?

2063/11

3.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a case has been filed against the person who revealed as the Chief of the International Finance Division of the LTTE in a court of law of this country;
- (ii) the punishments meted out to him by now;
- (iii) whether cases have been filed in this country against other persons who were involved in international financial activities of the LTTE;
- (iv) if so, the names of those persons;
- (v) the basis on which the cases have been filed against them; and
- (vi) if a case has not been filed against the Chief of the International Finance Division of the LTTE, the reasons for filing cases against the other persons without filing a case against the Chief ?

(b) If not, why?

2436/12

4.

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

(a) Will he state pertaining to the recently granted promotions to the post of Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) —

- (i) the names of the applicants; and
- (ii) the names of the officers promoted?

- (b) Will he inform this House whether 70 marks were granted to each applicant based on the seniority and personal records and 30 marks were granted based on the performances at the interview?
- (c) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the marks obtained by each candidate based on seniority and personal records and the ranking; and
 - (ii) the rank obtained by each candidate based on the interview and the marks obtained under c (i) ?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the members in the interview board; and
 - (ii) the authority who appointed the interview board?
- (e) If not, why?

1753/'11

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Indian workers who have been granted permission to work in Sri Lanka from 2006 to 2011 on per year basis;
 - (ii) the reason attributed to such a huge increase in visa requirements of Indians; and
 - (iii) as to why the visa to Indians on arrival being charged?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there are other countries of which workers more than 500 have been allowed to be employed in Sri Lanka ; and
 - (ii) the benefit received by Sri Lanka by allowing those foreigners to work here?
- (c) If not, why?

1819/'11

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the drinking water project constructed at Divulapelessa Mahaweli Village in Mahiyangana Divisional Secretariat Division in Badulla District has been abandoned due to lack of water?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of money that was spent on this water scheme;
 - (ii) whether a feasibility study was conducted on the availability of water before the commencement of the project; and
 - (iii) of the findings of that feasibility study?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) that the people of the area level allegations that a misuse of funds has occurred during the implementation of the water project in the Divulapelessa Mahaweli Village;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to conduct a formal investigation into that matter;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to renovate the aforesaid water project expeditiously;
 - (iv) if so, date on which it will be done; and
 - (v) whether funds have been allocated for this purpose ?
- (d) If not, why?

2064/11

7.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the location of the Head Quarters of the Sri Lanka Army Band;
 - (ii) the extent of the land in which the above is situated ;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to shift the Head Quarters of the Band to another location;
 - (iv) if so, the reasons for doing so;
 - (v) the purpose for which the land where the Head Quarters of the Band is presently situated is expected to be utilized; and
 - (vi) the present market value of that land?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) if the Head Quarters of the Band is to be shifted;
 - (ii) the owners of that place; and
 - (iii) whether that place is obtained on rent or lease basis?
- (c) If not, why?

1754/11

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of Chinese workers have been permitted to work in Sri Lanka from 2005 to 2011 on per year basis;
 - (ii) the reason attributed to such a huge increase in visa requirements of Chinese;
 - (iii) as to how it is justified that having large number of Chinese workers, when there is a huge unemployment in the country; and
 - (iv) the loss of revenue to the country by permitting large number of Chinese workers to be employed?
- (b) If not, why?

1820/11

9.

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) buildings and other properties worth millions of rupees located at the “ Gamudawa” site at Ruhunugama, Bibulewela, Kamburupitiya in Matara District have been left to decay at present ; and
 - (ii) leaving the aforesaid valuable government properties to decay is a serious crime ?
- (b) Will he inform of this House—
- (i) whether there is a plan to use the aforesaid buildings and land for a productive economic activity;
 - (ii) if so, what that plan is; and
 - (iii) of the date on which the implementation of the aforesaid plan will be commenced ?
- (c) If not, why ?

10.

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

- (a) Will he state the amount of money allocated for the renovation of Mahakandarawa tank in Anuradhapura?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid renovation work has been assigned according to the accepted tender procedure ;
 - (ii) if so, the names and addresses of the tenderers who submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) the name and the address of the company to which the tender was awarded ; and
 - (iv) the names of the Board of Directors of that company?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Presidential Investigation Unit has found that certain irregularities have taken place when carrying out the renovation work of Mahakanadarawa tank ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the officers against whom allegations were leveled on the above findings ;
 - (iii) the posts held by them at that time ;
 - (iv) the actions taken against them ;
 - (v) if no action has been taken, their present place of work ; and
 - (vi) the posts held by them at present?
- (d) If not, why?

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.

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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 lines of the citizens of both the Colombo Municipal Council and the District;

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

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

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

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

And whereas this is a most unsatisfactory state of affairs.

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

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

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.

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- 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.

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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.

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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 Vidanagama
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. Vinayagamoorthis 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. Saneerohana 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 Priyadarshana 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.

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.

11.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana

Hon. R. Yogarajan

Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma

Hon. Niroschan 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.

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 Grero

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;

- (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
- (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
- (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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

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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.

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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 Premajayantha
Hon. Rauf Hakeem
Hon. Milroy Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) Mervyn Silva
Hon. A. L. M. Athaulla
Hon. A. M. Chamika Buddhadasa
Hon. Felix Perera
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. M.B. Farook

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

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

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

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

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

16.

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana

Hon. P. Harrison

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage

Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara Jayasinghe

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva

Hon. Sajith Premadasa

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

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

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

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

And whereas the more prominent among these institutions are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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Hon. John Amaratunga
Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. Mangala Samaraweera
Hon. P. Harrison
Hon. R. Yogarajan
Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera

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

And whereas contradictory statements are being made by various parties;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) examine the modalities of the 'Z' score;
- (b) examine the reasons which led to this problem;
- (c) recommend means to rectify and remedy to the Advance Level results for the academic year 2011;
- (d) recommend steps to be taken to prevent future occurrence of such problems; and
- (e) recommend other remedial measures that the Committee deems necessary.

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

3. That the Committee shall have the power to—
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
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 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
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Hon. R. Yogarajan

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi

Hon. Dunesh Gankanda

Hon. (Mrs) Rosy Senanayake

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

* *Indicates Government Business*
