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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Judicature (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Report of the Delimitation Committee under the Provincial Council Elections Act,— That the Report of the Delimitation Committee submitted to the Minister by the said Committee in terms of the Section 3A.(11) of the Provincial Councils Elections Act, No. 2 of 1988 as amended by the Act, No.17 of 2017, which was presented on 06.03.2018, be approved.

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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**Friday, April 06, 2018**

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.11/15

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 Buddhika Pathirana,— Updating outdated laws and regulations currently being in operation in the Island,— That this Parliament resolves that since laws and regulations introduced during the Colonial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that committees be appointed to review such laws and regulations and a national programme be implemented to update outdated penalties, fines etc.

P.12/15

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

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P. 13/15

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

P. 14/15

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

P. 15/15

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

P.16/15

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

P.17/15

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

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P.18/'15

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

P.19/'15

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

P.21/'15

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

P.22/'15

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

P.23/'15

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

P.24/'15

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

P.25/'15

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

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P.26/'15

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

P.27/'15

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

P.28/'15

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

P.29/'15

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

P.30/'15

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

P.31/'15

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

P.32/15

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

P.33/15

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

P.34/15

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

P.35/15

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.36/15

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

P.37/15

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

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P.38/15

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

P.39/15

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

P.40/15

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

P.41/15

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

P.42/15

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

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P.43/'15

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

P.44/'15

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

P.45/'15

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

P.46/'15

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

P.47/'15

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

P.48/'15

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

P.49/'15

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

P.50/'15

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

P.51/'15

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

P.52/'15

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

P.53/'15

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

P.54/15

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

P.55/15

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

P.56/15

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

P.57/15

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

P.58/15

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

P.59/15

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

P.60/15

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

P.61/15

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

P.62/15

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

P.63/15

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

P.64/15

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

P.65/15

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

P.66/'15

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

P.67/'15

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

P.68/'15

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

P.69/'15

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

P.70/'15

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

P.71/'15

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

P.72/15

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

P.73/15

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

P.74/15

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

P.76/15

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

P.77/15

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

P.78/15

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

P.79/15

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

P.80/15

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

P.81/15

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

P.82/15

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

P.83/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Limiting the expenditure incurred on all election campaigns,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be enacted enabling the restriction of expenditure incurred on elections, since certain candidates spend excessive amounts of money in all the elections held in Sri Lanka, and as it is unfair for the educated category of people who can genuinely serve the country, but are not economically capable enough to spend money.

P.84/15

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

P.85/'15

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

P.86/'15

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

P.87/'15

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

P.88/'15

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

P.89/'15

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

P.90/'15

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

P.91/15

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

P.92/15

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

P.93/15

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

P.94/15

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

P.95/15

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

P.96/15

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

P. 97/15

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

P. 98/15

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

P. 99/15

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

P. 100/15

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

P. 101/15

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

P. 102/15

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

P. 103/15

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

P. 104/'15

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

P. 105/'15

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

P. 106/'15

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

P. 107/'15

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

P.108/'15

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

P. 109/'15

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

P. 110/'15

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

P.111/'15

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

P.112/'15

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

P.113/'15

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

P.114/15

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

P.115/15

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

P.116/15

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

P.117/15

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

P.118/15

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

P.119/'15

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

P.120/'15

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

P.121/'15

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

P.122/'15

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

P.123/'15

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

P.124/'15

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

P.125/'15

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

P.126/'15

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

P.127/'15

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

P.128/'15

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

P.129/'15

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

P.130/'15

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

P.131/'15

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

P.132/'15

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

P. 133/'15

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

P.134/'15

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

P.135/'15

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

P.136/'15

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

P.137/'15

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

P.138/'15

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

P.139/'15

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

P.140/'15

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

P.157/'15

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

P.158/'15

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

P.159/'15

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

P.160/'15

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

P.184/'16

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

P. 185/16

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

P.191/17

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

P.193/17

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

P.194/17

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

P.199/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Initiating an expeditious programme to solve the problems of the local milk farmers who are engaged in the milk industry,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be implemented to solve the problems of the local milk farmers who are engaged in the milk industry due to the fact that a huge amount of money is spent annually for the importation of milk powder and if that amount was retained in the country it could greatly be beneficial the economy of the country

P.200/'17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Initiating an expeditious programme to conserve the places with archaeological value situated in the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be initiated to conserve the archaeological places in Kurunegala district in the North Western Province, a district claiming a proud history, in which a number of sites of archaeological value are situated and even kingdoms of Kurunegala, Dambedeniya and Yapahuwa were established in the past due to the fact that serious problems have arisen by now in regard to the protection of the aforesaid historical sites.

P.201/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Introducing a broad Social security network embracing all sectors,— That this parliament resolves that a broad social security network embracing all sectors should be introduced since no any social security scheme is in force for the informal sector employees although a pension scheme or Employees Provident Fund Scheme is in operation for the state and private sector employees of Sri Lanka in view of the fact that it is important to have a social security scheme for the citizens of any country.

P.202 /17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Launching an expeditious programme to preserve the costal belt of Puttlam district,— That this parliament resolves that an expeditious programme should be launched to protect the coastal belt of Puttlam district even though the Puttlam district has been endowed with a very beautiful coastal belt, it has been polluted owing to sea erosion, destruction of mangrove and illegal constructions.

P.203/17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Launching a programme to restore the reputation that the Puttlam district used to have in Volleyball,— That this parliament resolves that since there is a certain set back, a programme should be launched to restore the esteem that the Puttlam district used to have attributable to the talents shown by the school volleyball players in national and international games, nearly a decade ago.

P.204/'17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a programme for the enhancement of the standards of cricket tournaments conducted at school and sports club levels,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated for the enhancement of the standards of the cricket tournaments conducted at school and sports club levels in view of finding out competent players for the national team as Cricket in Sri Lanka has encountered a serious collapse since the past few years .

P. 205/' 17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a programme for protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in the Buddhist temples of rural areas,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated for protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in rural Buddhist temples since most of the Buddhist temples in the rural areas of Sri Lanka are in an extremely low economic level.

P. 206/' 17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishing a canned fish factory in Puttalam district,— That this Parliament resolves that a canned fish factory to be established in Puttalam district as all the resources required to establish a canned fish factory are available in the district and to prevent the outflow of foreign exchange spent to import canned fish annually as well as to provide the required protein to fulfill the nutritional needs of the people.

P.207/' 17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Extending the Colombo-Katunayake Expressway up to Chilaw,— That this Parliament resolves that the Expressway that currently runs from Colombo to Katunayake should be extended up to Chilaw in order to expedite the development drive in Puttalam district, which is rapidly developing under the present Good Governance government and since Expressways are vital for the development of a country.

P.208/' 17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Implementing a kumbuk tree plantation project in the catchment areas of lakes, rivers and canals in North-Western Province – That this parliament resolves that a plantation project of Kumbuk trees that are having a long life span and are capable of preserving soil water and lessening the soil erosion, be initiated in the catchment areas of lakes, rivers and canals.

P.209 /' 17

Hon . Ashoka Priyantha,— Taking immediate measures to fulfill the basic needs of the people who are living in Baththalangunduwa island – That this Parliament resolves that, as no attention has been drawn so far to the basic needs of the fishing community that is living in Baththalangunduwa island which is a main island situated in the close proximity of Kalpitiya peninsula in Puttalam District of North-Western Province, immediate measures be taken under current Good Governance Government to uplift the living standards of the fishing community by providing them with the basic needs.

P.210/' 17

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

P.211/'17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijeratne,— Preparing and implementing a programme to properly carry out disciplinary enquiries by Student Discipline Committees of Schools, - That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be prepared and implemented for taking action to carry out proper and impartial disciplinary enquiries into anti-disciplinary acts committed by school children as it is observed that some schools take steps to sack students from school without carrying out proper disciplinary enquiries into anti-disciplinary acts committed by those students thereby causing great injustice to such students disrupting their education and making most students mental patients due to severe mental pressure they are subjected to, and as there have been occasions where some children have become anti-social criminals who hate the entire teacher community as well as the entire society.

P. 213/'17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— Establishment of a state medical faculty affiliated to the Uva Wellassa University using Badulla General Hospital as a teaching hospital,- That this Parliament resolves that a state medical faculty be established affiliated to the Uva Wellassa University using Badulla General Hospital as a teaching hospital in order to strengthen the state education and health services since there are only 50% of the doctors required to maintain the country's health services at a optimum level are available and large number of students who obtain high marks in the (G.C.E. Advanced Level) Biology stream are unable to enter the state medical faculties.

P. 214/'17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— Development of Panadura Base Hospital as the teaching hospital for the proposed medical faculty at University of Moratuwa,- That this Parliament resolves that Panadura Base Hospital be developed as the teaching hospital for the proposed medical faculty for University of Moratuwa since the Budget 2018 has proposed to build a medical faculty affiliated to University of Moratuwa.

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**Friday, May 11, 2018**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

134/'15

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

(a) Will he table —

- (i) the value of contraband cigarettes illegally imported to Sri Lanka during the period from 01.01.2014 to 30.06.2015;
- (ii) names, addresses, telephone numbers and the country if the arrested and convicted person is a foreigner; and
- (iii) the punishments given to persons mentioned in (ii) above separately?

(29)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the contraband cigarettes are destroyed after following the legal procedures;
  - (ii) if so, the method of destroying them; and
  - (iii) if not, whether those cigarettes are issued to the market subject to government taxes?
- (c) If not, why?

1176/16

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy Development,—(3)

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

1192/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of houses in the Manner District that had been provided with electricity supply by the Ceylon Electricity Board by year 1983;
  - (ii) of the total number of houses which have been provided with electricity supply by now;
  - (iii) of the amount allocated annually from year 1984 to 2009 for the supply of electricity on per year basis;
  - (iv) of the number of houses that have been provided with electricity supply up to year 2015 after the end of war situation in year 2009 on per year basis; and
  - (v) of the amount of money allocated for the supply of electricity during the period mentioned in (iv) above on per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

1378/16

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

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

1476/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this house—
- (i) the number of private electricity generating companies functioning in Sri Lanka from the year 2010;
  - (ii) the names and addresses of the aforesaid companies and names of director board members;
  - (iii) the number of electricity units provided to Ceylon Electricity Board by each company from year 2010 and the amount paid to each company by the Ceylon Electricity Board in each year separately; and
  - (iv) the measures that will be taken by the Ceylon Electricity Board to increase the electricity generation under the present Good Governance Government?
- (b) If not, why?

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) 57% of the total taxes of the country are collected by the Sri Lanka Customs;
  - (ii) a higher percentage of the aforesaid taxes are vehicle import taxes;
  - (iii) vehicle importers adopt various tactics to evade the payment of taxes; and
  - (iv) regulations have been imposed even by the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No.1901/3 dated 10.02.2015 in addition to the Gazette Notifications which have been issued by now to prevent this situation?
- (b) Will he admit that —
- (i) however, racketeers have been provided with opportunity by the Gazette Notification No. 1933/6 dated 22.09.2015 to act as they wish;
  - (ii) an income of more than 8000 million rupees can be collected if an inquiry is conducted in regard to the 1000 undervalued vehicles that have been detected by the customs officers upon the mandate given to them as per the Gazette Notification mentioned in a (iv); and
  - (iii) the country has lost a huge income due to the fact that four months have elapsed since 21.09.2016 on which date all Customs investigations were temporarily suspended as per an order issued by the Director General of Customs?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to abolish the order mentioned in a (iv) above?
- (d) If not, why?

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasekera,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the nature of the ownership of the government on the Ante Leco (Pvt.) Ltd;
  - (ii) the objective of which the aforesaid institution was established;
  - (iii) the number of electric metres produced by the said company in respect of each year separately;
  - (iv) the number of employees in that company; and
  - (v) the profit or loss of the company from the inception in respect of each year separately?
- (b) If not, why?

1605/'17

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe – To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there was an agreement to operate using Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) for a period of one year the power plant built in Kerawalapitiya which is currently operated with Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO);
  - (ii) whether that agreement has been breached;
  - (iii) of the loss incurred to the Ceylon Electricity Board as a result of breaching that agreement;
  - (iv) whether he is aware that action is being taken in contravention to the agreement entered into with respect to the pricing of a unit of electricity supplied to the Ceylon Electricity Board through that power plant;
  - (v) of the measures taken to ensure that the company supplying electricity would act in compliance with the agreement; and
  - (vi) of the loss incurred to the Ceylon Electricity Board as a result of not acting in compliance with that agreement?
- (b) If not, why?

2131/'17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately, in respect of each year—
- (i) the number of Sri Lankan students who have gone abroad to pursue medical degrees from the year 2009 to-date;
  - (ii) the foreign medical faculties to which they have gained admission and the number of students who have gained admission to them; and
  - (iii) the amount of foreign exchange lost to the country due to said foreign medical education?
- (b) If not, why?

2201/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) it is admitted that a programme was implemented by the previous government to acquire estate hospitals to the government, in order to uplift the health of nearly 800 thousand people living in the estates;
  - (ii) of the number of estate hospitals acquired by the end of year 2014, under the programme, their names and the time period;

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- (iii) it is admitted that the project has now come to a standstill;
- (iv) whether the amount spent annually by the Ministry is presented; and
- (v) whether measures will be taken to restart the project again, since it was pivotal in uplifting the health of the people living in estates ?

(b) If not, why?

2214/17

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that –
  - (i) Kollonnawa Girls' School is the only Girls' National School available in Kolonnawa Education Division;
  - (ii) this school is faced with a number of shortages at present; and
  - (iii) currently there are 18 vacancies for teachers and 8 vacancies in the non-academic staff of this school?
- (b) Will he inform this House –
  - (i) whether he would admit that it is an obstacle and a damage for the future progress and the reputation of this school to have such vacancies in the staff;
  - (ii) of the nature of plans that are in place to fill these vacancies;
  - (iii) of the date on which steps will be taken to implement those plans;
  - (iv) separately of the provisions that have been allocated for the development of physical and human resources of this school in year 2017;
  - (v) of the progress of the programmes that have been implemented at present utilizing such provision;
  - (vi) whether it has been planned to allocate provisions for the development of physical and human resources of this school in year 2018; and
  - (vii) if so, of the value of such provisions?
- (c) If not, why?

2227/17

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of officers of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service, Sri Lanka Principals' Service and Sri Lanka Teachers' Service, approved for the Ratnapura district;
  - (ii) the number of officers in the above services in service at present, separately;
  - (iii) the number of vacancies in each of the above services in the Ratnapura district at present, separately; and
  - (iv) the steps the Ministry intends to take to fill those vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

2285/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately as per each divisional secretariat division of the number of families in the Matara District whose houses and property got damaged as a result of landslides and floods which occurred recently;
  - (ii) separately as per each divisional secretariat division of the number of individuals that died and got disappeared as a result of the aforesaid flood menace;
  - (iii) separately of the amount of compensation to be paid on behalf of the above losses of life and property;
  - (iv) of the amount of compensation hitherto paid and the amount to be further paid; and
  - (v) of the period of time that would be taken to compensate those who have not hitherto been compensated?
- (b) If not, why?

2300/17

Hon. D.V. Chanaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether new vehicles have been imported for the incumbent President and the Prime minister during the period from 08<sup>th</sup> January 2015 up to date;
  - (ii) if so, what those vehicles are; and
  - (iii) separately of the value of the aforesaid vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?

2677/17

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon,—To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the 2018 budget proposal to 100% open the shipping industry to foreign companies is agreed to by;
  - (ii) whether measures will be taken to stop this opening as informed in a letter by the Ceylon Association of Ships Agencies to the responsible officials of the government; and
  - (iii) of the measures taken to prevent a monopoly of shipping companies coming into effect?
- (b) If not, why?
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**Tuesday, May 22, 2018**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

885/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the Sri Lankan School children suffer from various nutritional deficiencies;
  - (ii) the contributory factors for this situation are the failure to obtain food on time and the lack of nutrients in the food consumed; and
  - (iii) there is a tendency for the school children to contract various diseases owing to this situation?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether measures have been taken by the government to increase the nutritional level of the school children; and
  - (ii) if so, what those measures are?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether action will be taken to provide a nutritious meal to the school children; and
  - (ii) if so, from which date it will be?
- (d) If not, why?

1117/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of Divineguma Community Based Banks (Samurdhi Banks) that operate within Badulla district;
  - (ii) of the locations of those banks; and
  - (iii) of the number of beneficiaries who benefit from each bank branch?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of employees serving at each of the banks mentioned in a (i) above and their names and designations separately;
  - (ii) whether any vacancies exist at those banks at present; and
  - (iii) if so, of the methodology adopted to recruit employees for those vacancies?
- (c) If not, why?

1251/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) how many households within the Mullaitivu District had been connected to the supply of clean drinking water by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board by 1983;
  - (ii) how many households are provided with clean drinking water at present;
  - (iii) what amount in full was allocated by the government in each year for providing drinking water until the end of the war situation after 1983;
  - (iv) what amounts in full was allocated by the government for projects implemented for the supply of drinking water, separately in respect of each of the years following the war situation until the year 2015; and
  - (v) whether he will table a progress report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

1376/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(4)

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

1466/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(4)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he accepts that with the decentralized funds of the Members of Parliament, roofing sheets were distributed free, among the low income earning families who are residing in the Divisional Secretariat divisions;
- (ii) whether distribution of roofing sheets by the Members of Parliament with the decentralized funds, has been banned;
- (iii) if so, of the reasons led for aforesaid situation; and
- (iv) whether aforesaid ban will be lifted and measures will be taken to distribute roofing sheets through Members of Parliament, as it used to be?

(b) If not, why?

2178/17

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

(a) Will he inform this House in regard to the explosion of the armory of the Army in Salawa, Kosgama in the year 2016—

- (i) the number of persons who lost their lives;
- (ii) the number of persons who became disabled;
- (iii) the total amount of compensation paid by the government to the persons who were affected by the explosion;
- (iv) the amount of compensation paid by the government on behalf of a person who lost his life;
- (v) the maximum and minimum amount of compensation paid for the houses that were affected by the explosion;
- (vi) whether permanent houses will be provided to all those who were displaced; and
- (vii) the nearest date on which a permanent house was provided to a family that was displaced?

(b) If not, why?

2208/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the cadre in the post of Agriculture Research Production Assistant of the Department of Agrarian Development in the Jaffna district; and
  - (ii) the number of officers who are currently serving on this post and the number of vacancies available ;
  - (iii) of the date on which the vacancies existing in the above department would be filled; and
  - (iv) whether acting appointments are given or acting allowances paid to the officers who are acting on the above post?
- (b) If not, why?

2238/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the private staff of the Minister of Special Assignment and has been allocated a vehicle, along with details on the type of vehicle allocated to them, registration number and the name of the officer who authorized such allocation of a vehicle?
- (b) If not, why?

2299/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately on per electorate basis, of the number families that receive the Samurdhi assistance in the Ratnapura District; and
  - (ii) of the steps that would be taken by the Ministry to include new families for the Samurdhi Programme?
- (b) If not, why?

2319/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) a special fund was established in year 2009 with the objective of eradicating Thalassaemia from the North Western Province by year 2020; and
  - (ii) although a special investigative committee was appointed to look into the misuse of more than 10 million rupees of that fund, its report is yet to be published?

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- (b) if so, will he inform this House, the measures that will be taken by the ministry against the relevant persons after publishing the investigative report?
- (c) If not, why?

2329/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the number of regional officers belonging to the Sri Lanka Tea Board;
  - (ii) of the locations in which the above mentioned offices are situated;
  - (iii) of the qualifications possessed by the Assistant Tea Commissioners who have been appointed to the said offices at present;
  - (iv) whether the said officers have fulfilled the qualifications required to occupy the said post; and
  - (v) of the reason for a permanent Assistant Tea Commissioner is not appointed to the Regional Office located in the Kaluthara District?
- (b) If not, why?

2403/17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that steps have been taken to resettle the families of the Laggala electorate of Matale district who got displaced owing to the Moragahakanda project of Kalu Ganga, within the Laggala Electorate itself;
  - (ii) if so, of the number of families that got displaced and the extents of land provided;
  - (iii) if so, whether it is admitted that although the lands thus provided are adequate for the present generation, they do not suffice the next generations; and
  - (iv) if so, of the steps that will be taken by the ministry to solve the land issues faced by the families resettled as a result of the Moragahakanda project and the land issues that will be encountered by their future generation?
- (b) If not, why?

2417/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) a number of huge electric generators have been installed in the premises of the office of the Ceylon Electricity Board in Mallowapitiya, Kurunagala; and
  - (ii) the people in the vicinity have been highly inconvenienced by the loud noise emanating from these machines when they are functioning?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether an Environmental Impact Assessment report has been obtained to install these machines;
  - (ii) if so, the institution which carried out the aforesaid environmental assessment; and
  - (iii) the steps to be taken by the Ministry to solve this problem?
- (c) If not, why?

2475/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this house—
  - (i) the number of emergency disaster situations that occurred in 2017;
  - (ii) the number of persons who got displaced owing to those disaster in relation to each district;
  - (iii) the number of instances of harm to property in relation to each district; and
  - (iv) the amount of money allocated to pay compensation to displaced people?
- (b) If not, why?

2479/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
    - (i) about 100 families have constructed permanent houses and are living in the “Diyawara” village (fishing village) established during the previous regime above the watershed of the Kala Weva tank within the Ipalogama Divisional Secretariat Division; and
    - (ii) those people have not received ownership to those lands so far?
  - (b) If so, will he inform this House of the date on which action will be taken to grant them ownership of these lands?
  - (c) If not, why?
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**Wednesday, May 23, 2018**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

886/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
  - (i) the Sri Lankan migrant workers happen to face incidents of physical assault, rape, sexual abuse, financial fraud, loss of life and deployment in prostitution in the destination countries;
  - (ii) there is no methodology for adequate intervention on their behalf during aforesaid unfair circumstances; and
  - (iii) owing to this situation such migrant workers and their family members are severely inconvenienced?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately of the number of Sri Lankans who encountered the incidents mentioned in a (i) during the years 2015 and 2016;
  - (ii) whether there is a methodology for the aforesaid Sri Lankans to get compensated from the perpetrating parties?
  - (iii) if so, how it can be done?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether measures have been taken by the government to ensure the protection of the Sri Lankan migrant workers;
  - (ii) if so, what those measures are;
  - (iii) whether it is admitted that it is appropriate to establish a legally authorized unit to appear for the protection of migrant workers?
- (d) If not, why?

1043/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(6)

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

1252/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) how many households within the Jaffna District had been connected to the supply of cleaned drinking water by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board by 1983;
  - (ii) how many households are provided with cleaned drinking water at present;
  - (iii) what amount in full was allocated by the government in each year for providing drinking water until the end of the war situation after 1983;
  - (iv) what amount in full was allocated by the government for projects implemented for the supply of drinking water, separately in respect of each of the years following the war situation until the year 2015
  - (v) whether he will table a progress report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

1428/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the market for Tar was liberalized as per proposal No. 204 of Budget 2016;
  - (ii) if so, of the measures adopted for that purpose;
  - (iii) of the major suppliers who entered the tar market as per the above budget proposal;
  - (iv) of the tar production of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from the year 2003 to 2016 and the stocks remained at the end of each year;
  - (v) of the price of tar in the world market and in the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from the year 2009 to 2016 separately for each year; and
  - (vi) of Sri Lanka's tar requirement forecast from year 2015 to 2020?
- (b) If not, why?

1659/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately the number of Ayurveda hospitals and Ayurveda medical centres which are run under the Uva Provincial Council;
  - (ii) of the names of the aforementioned hospitals and medical centres;
  - (iii) separately the number of employees working in the aforementioned hospitals and medical centres at present;

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- (iv) of the number of jobs given to people at Ayurveda hospitals and medical centres in the Province after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province was appointed to the post of Chief Minister; and
- (v) of the names, addresses and designations of persons who were given jobs in the above manner?

(b) If not, why?

2009/'17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that impoverished people who wander about without a place to live and sleep rough have to face very tragic situations during days with rain storms; and
- (ii) whether he will take steps to construct temporary wayside shelters or “Ambalam” for such helpless poor people in Colombo and other main cities through the local government institutions?

(b) If not, why?

2209/'17

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the manner in which the project to supply electricity to the farmers at a concessionary rate is implemented at present;
- (ii) the districts in which this project is implemented; and
- (iii) the date on which the farmers in the Northern Province including Jaffna where the inauguration ceremony of this national programme was held, get the benefits of this project?

(b) If not, why?

2239/'17

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

(a) Will he inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the private staff of the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade and has been allocated a vehicle, along with details on the type of vehicle allocated to them, registration number and the name of the officer who authorized such allocation of a vehicle?

(b) If not, why?

2320/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of Tamil medium schools in Puttalam district;
  - (ii) the names of those schools;
  - (iii) of the number of teachers serving in each school at present;
  - (iv) whether it is admitted that there is severe shortage of teachers in Tamil medium schools in Puttalam district; and
  - (v) if so, the measures that will be taken by the ministry to minimize the teacher shortage ?
- (b) If not, why?

2331/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that an industrial zone is established at Kuruwita, in Ratnapura District;
  - (ii) if so, of the date of commencement of the aforesaid industrial zone and its primary objectives;
  - (iii) of the factories that function in this industrial zone as at today and their names;
  - (iv) whether the number of the employees serving in each of these factories would be separately stated;
  - (v) of the names of the factories which were closed down during the aforesaid period, if any;
  - (vi) of the steps taken by the Ministry to further develop this industrial zone?
- (b) If not, why?

2333/'17

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
  - (i) in terms of Public Administration Circulars No. 01/99 and 27/88, 3% of vacancies in the public sector and in public corporations should be filled with disabled people who are qualified and whose disability will not hamper the activities of the posts concerned, in filling vacancies of those sectors; and
  - (ii) the appeal made by Mr. W.L.R.N. Liyanage of 1 ¼ mile post, Ampara Road, Siyambalanduwa, who is a physically disabled person who passed the open competitive examination to recruit officers to the Sri Lanka Administrative Service 2004(2005) with 135 marks, to the Ministry of Public Administration and Management requesting that he be considered to be recruited to the Sri Lanka Administrative Service, has been rejected by the Ministry stating that disabled persons cannot be recruited to the Sri Lanka Administrative Service?

- (b) Will he informed this House—
  - (i) whether there are provisions which bar the recruitment of disabled persons to the Sri Lanka Administrative Service; and
  - (ii) if not, whether steps will be taken to do justice to Mr. W.L.R.N. Liyanage?
- (c) If not, why?

2452/17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) the number of national schools in each electorate in the Matale district, separately;
  - (ii) the names of those schools; and
  - (iii) of the steps the Ministry intends to take to increase the number of national schools in the Matale District and further develop the existing national schools?
- (b) If not, why?

2476/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house—
  - (i) of the number of new portfolios created by the Central Government for provincial development in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) of those Ministries, separately; and
  - (iii) the amount of money allocated to those Ministries for the year 2017, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether the Ministry of Sabaragamuwa Development has made allocations for project development;
  - (ii) if so, the amount so allocated; and
  - (iii) of those projects are?
- (c) If not , why ?

2480/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the rural hospital located at Gambiriswewa village in the Central Nuwaragampalatha Divisional Secretariat Division, Anuradhapura is currently confined only to a building;
  - (ii) though a doctor has been attached to the Outpatients Department during the daytime, there is no doctor at night even for emergency treatments?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he will pay attention to this matter and take action to offer a solution;
  - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why ?

2502/17

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of students who receive Dhamma School education in Sri Lanka ;
  - (ii) of the amount of money available in the fund set up for the development of Dhamma Schools ;
  - (iii) of the allocations made in the budget 2017 to build up aforesaid fund ;
  - (iv) of the promotions carried out by the government so as to complement and appreciate the services rendered by the teachers of Dhamma schools and to retain them in the service ;
  - (v) of the new measures taken by the government to regulate and ban tuition classes held on Sunday morning hours as they stand in the way when the students are directed towards the Dhamma education ?
- (b) If not, why?
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**Thursday, May 24, 2018**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

887/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a survey has been conducted on the villages that engage in productions related to bamboo, cane, rush and jute in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) if so, of the aforesaid number of villages separately;
  - (iii) of the number of families that engage in the aforesaid industry, separately on the basis of each village; and
  - (iv) of the major issues encountered by them?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether action has been taken to provide the new technology required by those engaged in this industry;
  - (ii) if so, how it is done;
  - (iii) whether action has been taken by the government to expand the market for bamboo, cane, rush and jute products; and
  - (iv) if so, how it is?

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- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether ornamental products made out of bamboo, cane, rush and jute are exported;
  - (ii) if so, what those countries are; and
  - (iii) separately of the foreign income received through the export of bamboo, cane, rush and jute products during the years 2015 and 2016?
- (d) If not, why?

1267/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of families beneficial by Samurdhi relief in the Moneragala district;
  - (ii) the number of such families, in terms of the value of the stamps they receive, separately;
  - (iii) whether any categorisation has been made on the information of the last Samurdhi survey;
  - (iv) the number of appeals received after that survey in relation to each Divisional Secretariat division separately; and
  - (v) the steps to be taken in future in regard to those appeals?
- (b) If not, why?

1430/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (b) House—
- (i) whether a state-private joint Committee of Action was formed in order to solve the problems faced by the tea industry according to Proposal No. 157 of Budget 2016;
  - (ii) if so, the names of its members;
  - (iii) of the main problems identified by the said Committee in 2016 as those faced by the tea industry; and
  - (iv) of the measures adopted by the government in order to solve the problems in the tea industry in 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

1660/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of buses operated under the Uva Province Road Passenger Transport Authority;
  - (ii) of the number of people working at the Road Passenger Transport Authority at present;
  - (iii) of the names and addresses of the officers employed there at present;
  - (iv) of the number of jobs given after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province was appointed to the post of Chief Minister and the names and addresses of the recipients of those jobs;
  - (v) of the number of bus permits given after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province was appointed to the post of Chief Minister and the names and addresses of the recipients of those permits; and
  - (vi) of the methodology adopted for the above?
- (b) If not, why?

2010/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that “Neelawala” in Kandy district is an ancient village where traditional jewellery industry flourished;
  - (ii) whether he admits that out of the families that depended on gold and silver jewellery industry, only 03 families engage in that industry by now;
  - (iii) whether he admits that the industrialists in this village are of the view that despite the huge demand that prevailed in the past for gold and silver jewellery produced in “Neelawala” with the intervention of Laksala to uplift the domestic industrialists, this industry has suffered a severe setback as Lakasala has become an institution of a few businessmen; and
  - (iv) whether the government would intervene and take steps to uplift the gold and silver jewellery industry of “Neelawala village” where ancient designs are used for carving?
- (b) If not why?

2179/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this house in regard to the floods caused by the river water and rain water in the wet zone in the year 2017—
  - (i) the number of persons who lost their lives;
  - (ii) the number of persons who became disabled;
  - (iii) the total amount of compensation paid by the government to the persons who were affected by the floods;
  - (iv) the amount of compensation paid by the government on behalf of a person who lost his life;
  - (v) the maximum and minimum amount of compensation paid for the houses that were affected by the floods;
  - (vi) whether permanent houses will be provided to all those who were displaced; and
  - (vii) the nearest date on which a permanent house was provided to a family that was displaced?
- (b) If not, why?

2210/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the government technical college in the Jaffna district receives a large number of applications annually for vocational training but only a limited number of applicants are selected;
  - (ii) thousands of unemployed youth in the Jaffna district lose the opportunity of receiving training from this technical college;
  - (iii) an extent of 6 acres belonging to the Weerasingham Central College in Meesalai in Thenmarachchi area has been given for constructing another technical college in the Jaffna district for the benefit of those young persons; and
  - (iv) the project proposal sent to the National Planning Department by the authorities of the Department of vocational training that inspected the said land, has been approved?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether financial allocations have been made to commence the preliminary work relating to the construction of the Meesalai new technical college; and
  - (ii) if so, the date on which the construction work of the said technical college would commence?
- (c) If not, why?

2240/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the private staff of the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government and has been allocated a vehicle, along with details on the type of vehicle allocated to them, registration number and the name of the officer who authorized such allocation of a vehicle?
- (b) If not, why?

2321/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the date each local government institution in Puttalam district in North Western Province was dissolved, separately;
  - (ii) whether employees have been recruited, to continue the services of the local government bodies after they were dissolved;
  - (iii) if so, the names and addresses of those persons as well as the positions they were recruited for; and
  - (iv) whether it has been carried out in accordance with the provisions of the establishment code and the financial regulations?
- (b) If not, why ?

2332/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that there is a school named Dela Tamil Maha Vidyalaya in the Niwithigala education zone in the Ratnapura district;
  - (ii) the number of students studying in it at present;
  - (iii) whether he is aware that there is a shortage of teachers in that school at present; and
  - (iv) of the steps the Ministry intends to take to address that shortage of teachers?
- (b) If not, why?

2334/'17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of Nutritionist attached to the government hospitals at present;
  - (ii) the number of vacancies available in that field ; and
  - (iii) as to why arrangements are not made to recruit the graduates who have completed the four year degree of Food Science and Nutrition that has been recognized by the Medical Council of Sri Lanka and the Medical College Council of Sri Lanka to this post?
- (b) If not, why?

2477/'17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house separately —
  - (i) the number of buses deployed on the expressways out of the passenger buses belonging to the Sri Lanka Transport Board;
  - (ii) the number of buses given to the Sri Lanka Transport Board by the government in years 2015, 2016 and 2017; and
  - (iii) the income earned by the government from the Sri Lanka Transport Board and the cost incurred on it by the government from 2014 up to date; and
  - (iv) the income earned by the government from the buses deployed on the expressways and the cost incurred on them by the government from 2014 up to date?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) the total number of employees attached to the Sri Lanka Transport Board; and
  - (ii) the number in relation to each grade, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

2481/'17

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that the building which houses the Vijithapura Post Office opened in 1994 has been in a ramshackle condition and is faced with the risk of collapsing due to lack of reconstruction; and
  - (ii) of the date on which action will be taken to reconstruct the building concerned?
- (b) If not, why?

2503/17

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether compensation is provided to the passengers and pedestrians who get killed and get injured by road accidents;
  - (ii) if so, of the money allocated for year 2017 in order to grant aforesaid compensation;
  - (iii) of the factors considered in providing aforesaid compensation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the amount of money allocated for the compensation provided in support of the three-wheeler drivers who lose their lives due to three-wheeler accidents, for the year 2017;
  - (ii) of the people got qualified for the compensation by the middle of the year 2017; and
  - (iii) of the people who were granted with the compensation by the middle of the year 2017?
- (c) If not, why?

2528/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
  - (i) whether the government has implemented a concessionary loan scheme for solar power products;
  - (ii) of the percentage at which interest will have to be paid for loans provided to customers under that course of action; and
  - (iii) of the sums of loans that have been granted to customers by each bank separately under this course of action and the total of such loans?
- (b) If not, why?

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**Friday, May 25, 2018**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

888/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether a survey has been conducted on the villages, engaged in clay related industries like pottery and other products, in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) if so, of the number of aforesaid villages ;
  - (iii) of the number of families, engaged in aforesaid industry; and
  - (iv) of the major issues that they encounter?

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether measures have been taken to provide aforesaid industrialists with modern technology;
  - (ii) if so, in which manner;
  - (iii) whether government has taken measures to expand the market for clay related products; and
  - (iv) if so, in which manner?
- (c) Will he state —
- (i) whether ornamental clay items are exported by now;
  - (ii) if so, of aforesaid countries;
  - (iii) separately, in terms of year 2015 and 2016, of the foreign income, received by exportation of clay related products?
- (d) If not, why?

1269/16

Hon. Padma Udaya Shantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, in terms of each Zonal Education office, of the number of principals employed in Monaragala district;
  - (ii) whether aforesaid principals or the individuals who do not represent the Principals' service, have been given principal service promotions after 8th January 2015; and
  - (iii) If so, whether there are individuals who were subjected to political revenges among the persons who were given promotions?
- (b) If not, why?

1431/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the measures taken in the year 2016 in order to achieve the objective of making regional plantation companies registered companies in the Colombo stock market, as per the No. 156 proposal of the 2016 budget ;
  - (ii) whether he will submit a comprehensive report of the plantation companies established in the year 1992 along with the names of their owners;
  - (iii) the profits earned or the losses incurred by each of the plantation company mentioned above in each year during the period from the year 1992 up to 2016, separately;
  - (iv) the number of acres owned by each regional plantation company mentioned above along with their productivity, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

2211/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) there is an ancient cemetery located in the Akbovil area of Mamadu, Vavuniya;
  - (ii) the aforementioned cemetery has been marked by the Department of Archaeology;
  - (iii) the aforementioned cemetery and artefacts located there have been damaged as a result of a recent incident in which teak trees in the said area were felled?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether legal action has been taken against those who are responsible for the destruction of ancient artefacts situated on the aforementioned cemetery;
  - (ii) of the steps that will be taken to protect the aforesaid artefacts in future?
- (c) If not, why?

2241/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the private staff of the Minister of Primary Industries and has been allocated a vehicle, along with details on the type of vehicle allocated to them, registration number and the name of the officer who authorized such allocation of a vehicle?
- (b) If not, why?

2335/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) Mr. S. Soyza Gunatilake, Minor Staff Overseer attached to the Horana Basic Hospital has applied for a transfer to the Kalutara General Hospital in order to carryout the duties of the post of Chairman of the All Ceylon Overseers Association to which he was elected recently, conveniently;
  - (ii) the Secretary to the Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine of the Western Province has recommended Director, Provincial Health Services (WP) to effect the transfer without a replacement on 01.04.2016; and
- (b) will he inform this House as to why that transfer has not been effected to date?
- (c) If not, why?

2408/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of fisheries families residing in the Baththalangunduwa fisheries village of Kalpitiya;
  - (ii) whether he is aware that the said fisheries community is faced with a severe issue of getting drinking water;
  - (iii) if so, of the steps that will be taken to solve the issue of water faced by the said community?
- (b) If not, why?

2478/'17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of Coordinating Secretaries approved for the staff of the President of Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the number of Coordinating Secretaries appointed under the present President from 02.01.2016;
  - (iii) the fields in respect of which the said Coordinating Secretaries were appointed?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) separately the name, educational qualifications and other qualifications of each such Coordinating Secretary;
  - (ii) the salary paid to a Coordinating Secretary;
  - (iii) accordingly, the overall cost incur during the past two years in respect of those Coordinating Secretaries;
  - (iv) whether the relevant Coordinating Secretaries have rendered an adequate service in relation to the said cost?
- (c) If not, why?

2482/'17

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the Jayah Maha Vidyalaya in Anuradhapura District is one that is encompassed by the “One Thousand Schools Development Project”;
  - (ii) at present, only the technical building relevant to the Project has been constructed; and
  - (iii) other buildings pertaining to the Project have not been constructed so far?

- (b) Will he inform the House of—
- (i) the reasons for not constructing the other buildings pertaining to the Project concerned; and
  - (ii) the date on which action will be taken to construct the buildings concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

2504/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total number of government schools in the island;
  - (ii) of the total number of international schools in the island;
  - (iii) of the number of teachers recruited for national schools in the years of 2015, 2016 and 2017, according to each year;
  - (iv) of the number of teachers recruited for provincial schools in the years of 2015, 2016 and 2017, according to each year;
  - (v) of the number of teachers appraised from the external and internal appraisal systems in the first half of year 2016;
  - (vi) of the amount of money allocated to establish teachers' quarters / rest rooms in rural and regional schools from the 2016 budget; and
  - (vii) the present progress of the project?
- (b) If not, why?

2510/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) nearly 30 families living at Kiribathgala Kanda in Pelmadulla were displaced due to the landslide occurred in the area; and
  - (ii) it has been decided to provide alternative lands for the affected families from Dombagammana area situated 20 kilometers away from this village ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether it is admitted that they have requested lands to be provided from the Kiribathgala state plantation situated close to the village instead of the lands provided from distant areas;
  - (ii) if so, whether measures will be taken to provide lands for them from the Kiribathgala state plantation?
- (c) If not, why?

2521/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amount spent to purchase tear gas for the use of Police Department from 2013 to 2017, separately with respect to each year?
- (b) If not, why?

2529/'17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of places of religious worship to which electricity has been supplied under the project of providing solar powered electricity sets to places of religious worship initiated by the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority;
  - (ii) of the capacity of the electricity sets provided to each place of religious worship, separately;
  - (iii) the amount of money spent on that project as at 01.06.2017;
  - (iv) the volume of electricity generated by those electricity sets; and
  - (v) the reason for providing electricity sets to places of religious worship free of charge?
- (b) If not, why?

2533/'17

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the steps that have been taken to construct the proposed wind shield for Norochcholai Lakvijaya Power Plant for minimizing the damage caused to the environment by the Power Plant;
  - (ii) whether he is aware that the farmers living in areas surrounding the Power Plant are facing severe difficulties as there is no wind shield for the Power Plant; and
  - (iii) the date on which construction of the wind shield will be commenced?
- (b) Will he further state—
  - (i) the nature of the steps that will be taken to prevent accumulation of ash in the premises of the Power Plant; and
  - (ii) the amount of the compensation that has been paid to the farmers whose cultivations have been damaged due to the ash that is emitted from the Power Plant?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether Norochcholai Plant has obtained a valid environmental protection licence;
  - (ii) if so, of the date on which the aforesaid licence was issued;
  - (iii) of the date on which that licence will expire; and
  - (iv) whether Ceylon Electricity Board will undertake the responsibility for the failure of the Power Plant to fulfill the conditions stipulated in that licence?
- (d) If not, why?

2608/17

Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
- (i) of the defendants of case number H.C./4648/2009 (Attorney General's Number C.R.-2/26/2009) which was heard in the High Courts, Colombo;
  - (ii) of the charges raised in the Indictment paper; and
  - (iii) whether all the defendants have been acquitted from the aforesaid indictments?
- (b) Will she State—
- (i) whether it is stated in the determination that there is a possibility for the Attorney General to amend the accusations for a second time;
  - (ii) accordingly, whether the defendants are re-filed by the Attorney General having properly amended the accusations;
  - (iii) if so, the period within which re-filing is done; and
  - (iv) whether the reasons for the particular decision would be unveiled, if not re-filed thus?
- (c) If not, why?
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