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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2443/12

1.

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

- (a) Will he state the number of hectares of wetland in the Kirala Kaley area which came under the phase one of the Nilwala Ganga Scheme ?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) rainwater is constantly pumped out from Kirala Kaley and surrounding areas in order to prevent the river Nilwala from overflowing;
 - (ii) as a result of the aforesaid situation, the water table in the aforesaid areas goes down and brackish water seeps into the soil; and
 - (iii) paddy fields surrounding Kirala Kaley have gone fallow and livelihoods of those farmers have been hindered due to the consequent environmental condition ?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether there is a plan to provide water to Kirala Kaley area by building an anicut below the Kadduwa pump house in order to remedy the problematic situation mentioned in (b) (iii) above ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2584/12

2.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will she state separately, on district basis—
 - (i) the number of villages without electricity in the Eastern Province; and
 - (ii) the names of those villages ?

(2)

(b) Will she inform this House—

- (i) of the period of time within which action will be taken to provide electricity to the aforesaid villages without electricity; and
- (ii) whether there is a possibility to provide electricity to all the villages without electricity in the Eastern Province, within the year 2012 ?

(c) If not, why ?

2875/12

3.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the suppliers that supplied meat for the consumption of Sri Lanka Army from the year 2005 up to now;
- (ii) the procedure followed in the selection of meat suppliers for Sri Lanka Army;
- (iii) total amount of money that was paid for each variety of meat annually;
- (iv) the amount of money to be paid for that;
- (v) separately, the amount of money paid, for a kilo of the aforesaid varieties of meat annually; and
- (vi) separately, the annual requirement of the each variety of meat ?

(b) If not, why ?

2890/12

4.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of Honorary Consuls representing Sri Lanka worldwide;
- (ii) the names of them along with the country they represent;
- (iii) the period they have been doing so; and
- (iv) the criteria used for their appointments?

(3)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether any Honorary Consuls appointed by Sri Lanka has been removed since 1948 to date; and
- (ii) if so, the names of such Consuls ?

(c) If not, why?

2999/12

5.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the total number of Thalaessemia patients;
- (ii) the number of school children among the Thalaessemia patients;
- (iii) the number of Thalaessemia affected children less than 15 years out of those school children; and
- (iv) the number of Thalaessemia patients above 15 years; reported from the Northwestern Province by the end of the year 2012 ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether Thalaessemia has spread in other areas apart from the Northwestern Province;
- (ii) if so, the number of Thalaessemia patients, separately as per provinces;
- (iii) whether special welfare programmes have been launched for Thalaessemia patients;
- (iv) if so, what they are; and
- (v) the measures taken as of now to eradicate Thalaessemia ?

(c) If not, why ?

3254/12

6.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of media personnel who were provided with laptop computers recently;
- (ii) whether a list of names of them will be submitted;
- (iii) the basis on which the media personnel are selected for the provision of laptop computers;
- (iv) the cost of one such computer; and
- (v) the total amount spent on the laptop computers distributed up to now ?

(b) If not, why ?

7.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to implement a programme to provide employment to all the unemployed Ayurvedic graduates;
 - (ii) the year in which the appointments were given to the Ayurvedic graduates in the government sector for the last time; and
 - (iii) the number of Ayurvedic graduates who were given appointments on that occasion ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent by the government for an Ayurvedic medical graduate;
 - (ii) the number of dispensaries that are closed down due to the lack of Ayurvedic doctors; and
 - (iii) whether steps have been taken to assign Ayurvedic doctors to those dispensaries ?
- (c) If not, why ?

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a shortage of teachers prevails in the schools of Pothuvil Education Zone of the Eastern Province; and
 - (ii) the parents and the past pupils, have drawn the attention of the education officials, that the education level of the students will be dropped by reason of that, and there has been a discussion in the Eastern Provincial Council in relation to that ?
- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken, to remedy the shortage of teachers, considering the future educational benefit of the students ?
- (c) If not, why ?

9.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (1)

- (a) Will he state in respect to the oil tank farm construction at the Magampura Mahinda Rajapaksa Port—
 - (i) the final estimated total cost of the project;
 - (ii) as to how the project costs were funded;
 - (iii) the terms of loan facilities, if any; and
 - (iv) as to when the project will achieve cash flow break even after payment of finance charges and debt servicing;
 - (v) the capacity of each tank; and
 - (vi) the dates on which each of the tanks were completed or their expected date of completion?
- (b) Will he also state, separately, the number of —
 - (i) tanks that will be required to discharge the tankers expected to bring in bunker fuel, aero fuel and LPG;
 - (ii) tankers that have docked in and discharged the aforesaid fuel types to date; and
 - (iii) tankers that were expected to dock in per year and to discharge the aforesaid fuel types per month as per the original project report?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total amount invested by the Bank of Ceylon in stocks at the Colombo Stock Exchange during the year 2011 ; and
 - (ii) the values of the business that the Bank of Ceylon has conducted with Perpetual Capital and Lanka Orix Leasing Securities Ltd. in the year 2011?

(6)

- (b) Will he submit this House a list of all stocks purchased by Bank of Ceylon in the year 2011 along with purchase price and weighted average price of stocks for five days preceding the dates of purchase?
- (c) If not, why?

3657/13

11.

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that although the construction work of a new bridge in place of the narrow bridge which is there at the junction of the A-9 road and the access road to Katudeniya and Wariyapola villages belonging to the Ukuwela Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matale District was initiated, the said construction work has been suspended by now ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the financial allocation on which the commencement of the construction of the above new bridge was based;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated for the construction of the bridge as per the estimates; and
 - (iii) the date on which the construction work of the bridge was commenced and the date on which the completion of the construction was due ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons that led to the suspension of the construction work of the bridge mentioned above;
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent on the construction accomplished so far;
 - (iii) the date on which the construction work of this bridge will be completed ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2585/12

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of money required by one Sri Lankan family per month for its subsistence, as per the government statistics;
 - (ii) separately, of the expenditure on food and expenditure on needs other than food for a family per month; and
 - (iii) separately, of the amount of money required by a family per month for its subsistence in each district ?
- (b) Will he admit that an amount of Rs. 7500.00 is sufficient for a three member family for its subsistence for a month ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2710/12

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) on 26.01.2012, 240 bags filled with tea from C.T.C. Tea Factory belonging to Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory Ltd. of Matara District, were loaded to the lorry bearing No. SP KL-5432, to be transported to Colombo;
 - (ii) the Superintendent of the factory and the lorry driver have signed in the book recording the issue of tea to confirm the loading of the aforesaid number of bags of tea;
 - (iii) only 200 bags of tea have been sold to the purchasing place out of the aforesaid 240 bags of tea; and
 - (iv) the number of bags of tea recorded as 240 in the documents of the factory have been changed later as 200 ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to hold a formal inquiry in relation to the aforesaid fraud committed at Kalubowitiyana C.T.C. Tea Factory; and
 - (ii) if so, when ?
- (c) If not, why?

2876/12

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the salaries and the allowances paid to the soldiers who serve in the Department of Civil Security;
 - (ii) of the recoveries made out of their salaries monthly;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid recoveries are deposited in a fund;
 - (iv) if so, of the institution in which the aforesaid fund is maintaining its accounts;
 - (v) of the reasons to make such recoveries; and
 - (vi) of the recoveries that will be refunded to them ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the salaries of the civil security personnel have been paid on the date due;
 - (ii) if not, the amount of arrears to be paid for them; and
 - (iii) the date on which the aforesaid arrears will be paid ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the activities that are carried out by using the personnel of the civil security force at present;
 - (ii) whether they have been assigned for cultivation works and other industries;
 - (iii) of the facilities that have been provided for them to that effect;
 - (iv) of the amount of money that they generate through the aforesaid activities, annually; and
 - (v) of the affairs for which the aforesaid monies are made use of ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2891/12

15.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Department of External Resources of the Ministry is responsible for receiving all the foreign loans and grants to the country;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of monies received by the country through the aforesaid department during the last 3 years;
 - (iii) the amount of money pledged and received for the last 5 years on per country basis separately; and
 - (iv) the rate of utilisation of money received as per (ii) on per year basis?

- (b) Will he also state pertaining to the total amount of money received from the foreign countries or multilateral agents for last 10 years on per year basis—
- (i) the amounts that were not utilised; and
 - (ii) the reasons for not being able to utilise the said money?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Inland Revenue Act,— That this Parliament resolves, under the Section 97(1) (a) of the Inland Revenue Act No 10 of 2006 that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Republic of India for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income entered into on 22nd January, 2013 between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Republic of India which was presented on 18.06.2013 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1787/41 of 8th December 2012, which was presented on 12.07.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1796/20 of 8th February 2013, which was presented on 12.07.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the President, under Section 3 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution relating to stamp duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1809/19 of 10th May 2013, which was presented on 11.07.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 22(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise Duties and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1804/16 of 03rd April 2013, which was presented on 11.07.2013, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 957)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1808/21 of 03rd May 2013, which was presented on 12.07.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.4),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1813/24 of 07th June 2013, which was presented on 12.07.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 12.07.2013, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1815/14 of 20th June 2013).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Minister of Labour and Labour Relations,— Regulations under the Employees' Provident Fund Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Labour and Labour Relations under Section 46 of the Employees' Provident Fund Act, No. 15 of 1958 as amended from time to time and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1810/20 of 13th May 2013, which were presented on 21.06.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*12.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 20 read with Sub-section (3) of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 and Article 44 (2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1799/15 of 01st March 2013, which were presented on 22.03.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

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

*17.

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

18.

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

19.

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

20.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

21.

Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

22.

Al-Jamiathul Ghawsiyyah (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2459/12

1.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a textile school has been conducted, affiliated to Sri Rahula Vidyalaya of Kandy which was founded by Colonel Henry Steel Olcott in 1890;
- (ii) after the aforesaid school was taken over by the government in 1962, the person named E. Kekulawala who served at that textile school was asked to vacate the school premises by the letter of the Director of Education of Central Province bearing No. CP/PAC/293 and dated 26/07/1965;
- (iii) the person named Kekulawala did not abide by the letter and after her, a person named M.J. Mendis also has become an unauthorized occupant of that place; and
- (iv) up to now he has failed to vacate the school premises, as per the order given in the ruling dated 08.03.1988 made for Case No. 75269 filed against him by the Director of Education of Central Province ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether he admits that the presence of an unauthorized occupant within the school premises is a great hindrance for administration of the school; and
- (ii) if so, whether measures will be taken to remove him in compliance with the court ruling or by other legal procedures ?

(c) If not, why?

2586/12

2.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the nature of the trade relationship that exists between Sri Lanka and the United States of America at present;
- (ii) as to how important that trade relationship with the United States of America is for our country; and
- (iii) the amounts of imports and exports between the two countries at present in Rupees millions ?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there is an effort to boycott the goods that are produced in the United States of America, within Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) if so, of the possible impact on Sri Lanka caused by such a boycott ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2877/12

3.

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

- (a) Will he state in relation to the Carlton Rugby Tournament 2012—
- (i) the dates on which it was held;
 - (ii) the stadiums where it was held; and
 - (iii) the Rugby teams that participated in it ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the foreign players who participated in the above Rugby tournament;
 - (ii) the money paid to each of the aforesaid players separately;
 - (iii) the local players that participated in it; and
 - (iv) the money paid to each of the aforesaid players separately ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the organizers of the Carlton Rugby Tournament;
 - (ii) the local and foreign sponsors of the aforesaid tournament;
 - (iii) separately, the money provided by each of the aforesaid sponsors;
 - (iv) the television channel that telecast the aforesaid events;
 - (v) the advertising cost of the aforesaid tournament;
 - (vi) the institutions that provided sponsorship for publicity; and
 - (vii) the money provided by the aforesaid institutions for that purpose ?
- (d) If not, why ?

4.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) as to how the government expenditure is kept under observation or controlled by the Ministry on the basis of transparency; and
- (ii) the expenditure limits of the Ministries, Government Departments and Corporations separately?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the person who is in-charge of setting and updating the standards of tenders and procedures;
- (ii) as to when the aforesaid standards were last updated and it will be updated again;
- (iii) the tender limits that can be approved by the Cabinet Minister, Ministry, Department and Corporation separately; and
- (iv) the person or entity that should hold the responsibility for any corruption that could be occurred in relation to the tenders?

(c) If not, why?

3071/12

5.

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the date on which the Southern Provincial Council was established and commenced its functions;
- (ii) the number of statutes adopted by the Southern Provincial Council by now; and
- (iii) separately, the title, number and the date of adoption of each of the aforesaid statutes?

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in List I of the 9th Schedule of the Constitution (Provincial Councils List); and
 - (ii) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in List III of the 9th Schedule of the Constitution (Concurrent List);
- which have been adopted by the aforesaid Provincial Council?
- (c) If not, why?

3196/12

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware—
- (i) that a large number of Sri Lankan females and males who have gone to Saudi Arabia as house maids and for other jobs after getting registered in the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau, stay in the “Olaya” detention camp and under the “Jeda” Bridge at present, undergoing immense suffering; and
 - (ii) that various factors such as not receiving proper working places, violence and not paying salaries as per the relevant agreements have contributed for that ?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether action will be taken to bring the aforesaid group of Sri Lankans to the country immediately ; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to implement a practical programme which can be executed immediately to uplift the protection, welfare and economy of their families ?
- (c) If not, why ?

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the displaced people who were in displaced camps were resettled in the village of Olumadu in the Mulativu District;
 - (ii) the number of families resettled in that village and the number of houses available there in;
 - (iii) the material and financial assistance provided to the resettled people for the construction of houses; and
 - (iv) of the other facilities provided to this village ?
- (b) Will he state in relation to the village of Olumadu—
 - (i) the number of Sinhala, Tamil and Muslim families;
 - (ii) the number of widows;
 - (iii) the number of males who lost one leg; and
 - (iv) the number of children who lost both parents ?
- (c) If not, why ?

8.

Hon. Victor Antony,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether varieties of coconut that can survive in different whether conditions in Sri Lanka, including unfavourable weather conditions like intermittent severe droughts, have been identified;
 - (ii) of the success or failure of the experiments carried out in that regard ?
- (b) If not, why ?

9.

Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the steps that have been taken to control the situation, as blocking out and auctioning of fertile coconut cultivations has resulted in the reduction of the local production of coconut and in the increase of the price of coconut from time to time;
- (ii) the steps that have been taken to encourage small scale coconut cultivation owners;
- (iii) the methodology adopted when granting the coconut subsidy;
- (iv) the concessions granted to small scale estate owners who are entering into coconut cultivation anew?

(b) If not, why?

10.

Hon. Vijitha Berugoda,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House, in relation to the period from the year 2005 to date—

- (i) separately and on annual basis the contributions made to the national economy;
- (ii) special programmes implemented aimed at new trends and development activities;
- (iii) the expansion done in it's branch network;
- (iv) contribution made to the development activities in the North and East areas;
- (v) activities carried out in relation to the immediate social responsibility ;

by the State Mortgage and Investment Bank ?

(b) If not, why ?

11.

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the manner in which seed coconut is procured for the plant nurseries maintained under the “Kapruka Purawara” programme which is a project of the Coconut Cultivation Board;
 - (ii) whether specific trees have been identified to obtain seed coconut;
 - (iii) if so, the persons who have done the aforesaid identification;
 - (iv) the number of trees identified by now to obtain seed coconut;
 - (v) the number of seed coconut that have so far been planted in the coconut nurseries implemented under the “Kapruka Purawara” programme;
 - (vi) the places where each of the aforesaid seed coconut nurseries are located; and
 - (vii) the next action taken with relevance to the coconut plants suitable to be cultivated which are obtained from the aforesaid nurseries ?
- (b) If not, why ?

12.

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

- (a) Will he state the international human rights agreements that have been ratified by Sri Lanka by now ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether Sri Lanka is bound to implement the aforesaid agreements;
 - (ii) whether the laws required to enforce the aforesaid agreements in the country have been formulated;
 - (iii) of the detrimental effects that the country would undergo as a result of the non-implementation of the aforesaid agreements ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the policy of the government on safeguarding human rights ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2712/12

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 16 security officers of the Department of Railways including Mr. P.G.S.K. Wickramanayaka residing at Rathgamwatta, Thotupola Road, Weragampita, Matara lodged complaints with the Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission under number HRC/6061,6081,6083, 6099, 6163,6214,6214, 6306, and 06B ;
 - (ii) a recommendation, granting them relief was given by the Human Rights Commission on 16/07/2007; and
 - (iii) that recommendation has so far not been implemented ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not implementing that recommendation given by the Human Rights Commission; and
 - (ii) if that recommendation will be implemented, the date on which it will be done ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2878/12

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of shares hold by the government in the Mobitel company ;
 - (ii) the number of shares hold by the Sri Lanka Telecom in the aforesaid company;
 - (iii) the profit earned or the loss incurred by the Mobitel company form the year 2010 todate; and
 - (iv) the amount of money that has been spent by the aforesaid company annually from the year 2010 todate on advertising ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the institutes for which Mobitel company has given sponsorship for sports or other activities from the year 2010 todate;
 - (ii) separately, of the amount of money spent on each of the aforesaid item and the relevant year;
 - (iii) of the names of the institutes with which agreements have been entered into for granting of sponsorship in future; and
 - (iv) of the amount of money that would be allocated for each of the institutes mentioned in (iii) above ?

- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) separately, the amounts of the monthly salary and allowances of the Chairman and the members of the Board of Directors of Mobitel company; and
 - (ii) the names of the authorities who appoint persons to the aforesaid positions ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2893/12

15.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the key officials of the Ministry of Finance and Planning;
 - (ii) the names, competencies, qualifications and age of the aforesaid officials, separately;
 - (iii) the organizational chart of the Ministry;
 - (iv) as to how the promotions are being granted in the Ministry;
 - (v) whether there are miscarriages of justice affecting any officials as he or she is not having given into politicization;
 - (vi) if so, the nature of such injustice; and
 - (vii) the recourse for the affected party?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, July 25, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2588/12

1.

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

- (a) Will he state for the period from the year 2005-2011—
- (i) separately, the amounts of foreign aid received annually;
 - (ii) the ten major countries that provide the highest amount of bilateral aid;
 - (iii) separately, the amounts of money provided by each of the aforesaid countries that provided bilateral aid;
 - (iv) the countries and international institutions that provided multilateral aid;
 - (v) separately, the value of the aid provided by the ten countries or institutions which have provided the highest amount of multilateral aid ?

- (b) Will he inform this House of the strategies that are adopted to obtain foreign aid to Sri Lanka ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2879/12

2.

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

- (a) Will he state whether any religious programme centered around the Colombo National Museum was prepared using digital technology for the Poson festival in the year 2011 ?
- (b) Will he also state —
 - (i) the persons who granted the relevant approval ;
 - (ii) the name used;
 - (iii) the relevant purpose;
 - (iv) the institution that took action;
 - (v) the total expenditure;
 - (vi) the institution or institutions that sponsored the expenditure; and
 - (vii) separately, the amount or amounts provided by the sponsoring institution or institutions;for the presentation of the aforesaid programme ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2894/12

3.

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

- (a) Will he state as at the end of the financial years, separately, for the years 1950,1960,1970,1980,1990,2000,2005,2006,2007,2008,2009,2010,2011 and 2012 —
 - (i) the annual government revenue;
 - (ii) the comparative difference in annual government revenue and expenditure;
 - (iii) the Gross Domestic Product (GDP);
 - (iv) the difference referred to in (a) (ii) as a percentage of GDP in the relevant year;
 - (v) the per capita debt; and
 - (vi) the comparison of per capita debt in Rupees and USD?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Walasmulla hospital situated in Hambantota District, is a hospital that had provided health services to the patients living in several surrounding villages ;
 - (ii) a severe shortage of doctors exist in the aforesaid hospital by now ;
 - (iii) the functions of the blood bank of the hospital and cutting open of the corpses at the mortuary are not carried out ;
 - (iv) the residential patients are not admitted to any of the wards of the aforesaid hospital ; and
 - (v) it has been planned to shift the Office of the Medical Officer of Health, from Walasmulla town?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether prompt action will be taken to rectify the shortage of human and physical resources, that exist in Walasmulla hospital?
- (c) If not, why ?

5.

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

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the date on which the Eastern Provincial Council was established and commenced its functions;
 - (ii) the number of statutes adopted by the Eastern Provincial Council by now; and
 - (iii) separately, the title, number and the date of adoption of each of the aforesaid statutes?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in List I of the 9th Schedule of the Constitution (Provincial Councils List);
 - (ii) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in List III of the 9th Schedule of the Constitution (Concurrent List); and
- which have been adopted by the aforesaid Provincial Council?
- (c) If not, why?

6. Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the villagers of certain areas in the Homagama, Padukka and Hanwella Divisional Secretariat Divisions have been severely inconvenienced due to non deployment of Grama Niladaris in certain Grama Niladhari Divisions of the said Divisional Secretariat Divisions ?
- (b) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (i) of the number of Grama Niladaris serving at present;
 - (ii) of the number of GN Divisions with vacancies for Grama Niladaris;
 - (iii) of the names of the aforesaid GN Divisions;in each of the above mentioned Divisional Secretariat Divisions ?
- (c) If not, why ?

7. Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe ,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the objectives of the Phase I and the Phase II of the Sustainable Agruculture Water Management Project implemented during the period from the year 2005 up to now; and
 - (ii) the efforts that have been made by now to achieve the aforesaid objectives ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the current situation of the Cultivation Projects expected to be implemented in the year 2012 ?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the efforts that have been made by now in regard to the programmes for the promotion of organic fertilizer production; and
 - (ii) the action to be taken in that regard ?
- (d) If not, why ?

3773/13

8.

Hon. Vijitha Berugoda,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the objective of the programme known as ‘Adding Value on Agricultural products and promoting sales of agricultural products by minimizing post-harvest damage in the process of supplies’ implemented from the year 2005 to date;
- (ii) the function performed under that programme; and
- (iii) the reliefs accrued to the people through that ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the services and contributions obtained from the National Universities for the development and sustainability of agriculture; and
- (ii) as to what the programme known as ‘s.2kr 2010-2012’ means ?

(c) If not, why ?

3871/13

9.

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

(a) Will he inform this House in relation to the period from the year 2005 up to date—

- (i) of the programmes implemented by the Coastal Resources Management Project;
- (ii) of the functions of the institution known as ‘D Com’; and
- (iii) of the public services delivered by the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation?

(b) Will he state separately, of the future development plans of the above three institutions ?

(c) If not, why ?

2589/12

10.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the value of the national income consumed by 20% out of the wealthiest persons in Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) the value of the national income consumed by 20 % out of the poorest persons in Sri Lanka ?

(b) Will he inform this House, if there is an anomaly in the distribution of national income according to the answers for the (a) (i) and (ii) above of the measures that the government has taken to rectify it ?

(c) If not, why?

2895/12

11.

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

(a) Will he state—

(i) whether the value of the tax exemption given in 2002-2003 by the then regime of UNP was as big as 1,000 billion of SLR as indicated by the successive UPFA government ;

(ii) if not, the exact value of it; and

(iii) whether the aforesaid tax amnesty was withdrawn in 2004 - 2005?

(b) Will he also state—

(i) whether the government in 2004 had proven that the tax amnesty granted by UNP was wrong and illegal;

(ii) the value of tax collected after the withdrawal of the said tax exemption on per year basis to date ; and

(iii) the reason for collecting taxes of such a low value?

(c) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether the UPFA Government has come up with tax amnesties after 2004, although it had negatively criticised the same introduced by the UNP; and

(ii) if so, the value of the tax amnesties granted by the UPFA government ?

(d) If not why?

2921/12

12.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

(i) the building, which is situated in Kottegoda, Belideniya area of Dikwella Divisional Secretariat Division, that belongs to the National Gem and Jewellery Authority, has been granted to the National Apprenticeship Board without any charge been made ; and

(ii) the courses were commenced in the aforesaid building by the National Apprenticeship Board on 25th June 2011?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of money spent on the inauguration ceremony which was held as to mark the commencement of courses in the aforesaid venue ;
 - (ii) of reasons that are led to remove the aforesaid training center from the building belongs to the National Gem and Jewellery Authority where the training center was started ;
 - (iii) of the new venue where the aforesaid training center is being operated ;
 - (iv) of the amount of monthly lease paid for the aforesaid building ; and
 - (v) of the name and the address of the owner of the aforesaid building?
- (c) If not, why ?

3020/12

13.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether trains which were running stopped on the way before they reached their destinations at the end of July 2012;
 - (ii) if so, the number of trains which stopped on the way in the aforesaid manner;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid trains stopped on the way due to technical faults;
 - (iv) whether the stoppage of trains on the way during the aforesaid period occurred due to the quality of fuel used for those trains;
 - (v) if so, the name of the institute from which such fuel was purchased;
 - (vi) the action took against the aforesaid institute for providing low-quality fuel; and
 - (vii) the total loss incurred by the Railway Department, consequent to the aforesaid situation ?
- (b) If not, why ?

3684/13

14.

Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe ,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the estates managed under Chilaw Plantation Company Ltd;
 - (ii) the extent of land of each estate and the main crops cultivated in them separately;
 - (iii) the income derived from each estate along with the profit generated or the loss incurred by each estate during the last 10 years ?
- (b) If not, why ?

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the Northern and the Eastern Provinces were merged under the Law of Emergency;
 - (ii) of the reasons that led to such a merge;
 - (iii) of the date on which the Northern and the Eastern Provinces so merged have been de-merged and declared as two separate;
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid de-merge of Provinces has been done after a Supreme Court determination; and
 - (v) if not, whether it has been done prior to receiving such a determination ?
- (b) If not, why ?

Friday, July 26, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the objectives of the implementation of the project named “one work for one village” (Eka Gamakata Eka Wedak);
 - (ii) the number of villages covered by the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) the total amount of money spent per village where this project is being implemented;
 - (iv) the total amount of money spent for the island-wide implementation of the above project; and
 - (v) the plan devised to utilize the aforesaid amount of money exclusively for the attainment of the specific objectives of the aforesaid project ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken to act impartially in implementing the above programme ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2898/12

2.

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

- (a) Will he state as at 01st, July 2012—
 - (i) the number of police stations in the country ;
 - (ii) the number of Police Constables in the Sri Lanka Police;
 - (iii) the number of Deputy Inspector Generals in the Police Service; and
 - (iv) the average monthly salary of a Police Constable?
- (b) Will he also state separately, as at 01st July in the years of 2003, 2006 and 2009—
 - (i) the number of Police Constables served in the Sri Lanka Police;
 - (ii) the number of Deputy Inspector Generals in the Sri Lanka Police; and
 - (iii) the average monthly salary of a Police Constable?
- (c) If not why?

2923/12

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Fisheries Corporation was making profits or making losses at the time that the incumbent Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development took over the Ministry ;
 - (ii) of the amount of loss incurred or profit earned at that time ; and
 - (iii) of the amount of loss incurred or profit earned by the Fisheries Corporation as at 31.12.2012?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the number of temporary, casual and permanent servants and officials who serve in the Fisheries Corporation by now ;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of new fish stalls that were opened in each year from the year 2009 to date ;
 - (iii) of the total amount of rent paid for aforesaid stalls for the past three years ;
 - (iv) of the number of servants who work in the aforesaid fish stalls ; and
 - (v) of the assets that belong to the Fisheries Corporation at present?
- (c) If not, why ?

4. Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a stable salary scale which can meet the cost of living has not been formulated for teachers in order to safeguard their professional dignity; and
 - (ii) a proper methodology has not yet been prepared to grant the interim salary proposal with salary arrears, as agreed to by the Ministry of Education ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reason for failing to grant the aforesaid interim salary proposal with salary arrears up to now;
 - (ii) of the total amount of salary arrears due for teachers as per the aforesaid salary proposal;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to grant the other requests made by the Teachers-Principals Association in addition to the salary problem; and
 - (iv) of the period of time that will be taken to formulate a fixed salary scheme for teachers and principals and pay their salaries based on it ?
- (c) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether any complaints of sudden break downs in the buses used for passenger transport have been received in the end of July and beginning of August, 2012;
 - (ii) if so, the number of such complaints that have been received;
 - (iii) out of those, the number of complaints that have been received in relation to the buses of SLTB;
 - (iv) the reason for the occurrence of the above mentioned break downs;
 - (v) the loss incurred on the SLTB transport services due to the break downs occurred in the SLTB buses mentioned in (i) above; and
 - (vi) the steps taken with regard to the causing of the aforesaid loss ?
- (b) If not, why ?

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the Western Provincial Council was established and commenced its functions;
 - (ii) the number of statutes that have been adopted by the Western Provincial Council by now; and
 - (iii) separately, the title, number and the date of adoption of each the aforesaid statutes ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in List I of the 9th Schedule of the Constitution (Provincial Council List); and
 - (ii) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in List III of the 9th Schedule of the Constitution (Concurrent List);which have been adopted by the aforesaid Provincial Council ?
- (c) If not, why ?

7. Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether visitors for the prison inmates and prison officers are checked when they enter prisons;
 - (ii) if so, of the persons who smuggle drugs and mobile phones into prisons;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the irregularities that take place within prisons are supported by prison officers; and
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken regarding such officers ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of inmates that could be accommodated in Welikada prison; and
 - (ii) the number of inmates detained in the said prison at present ?
- (c) If not, why?

3283/12

8.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that recommendations number HRC/5518/06/L-13 dated 20/08/2007 issued by the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka subsequent to an inquiry into the nonpayment of pensions to K.A. Karunasena, M.D.C.P. Perera, L.P. Karunaratne, E.M. Wimalasena who were employed in the Department of Broadcasting on casual basis (before being incorporated as a Corporation) before 5/1/1967 have still not been implemented ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not implementing the above mentioned recommendations; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken as regards the above mentioned persons paying due attention to Public Administration Circular No. 17/2005 dated 05/10/2005 ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3290/12

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) W.M. Surekha De Silva, a young woman had been sent to Saudi Arabia for employment by Al-Athees Foreign Employment Agency located in Maradana, Colombo;
 - (ii) she had died there; and
 - (iii) the aforesaid Foreign Employment Agency had furnished fake police reports and other fake details in order to send her abroad ?
- (b) Will he state of the legal action initiated against this agency which sent the said young woman abroad on fake details ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the reason that led to the death of Surekha De Silva has been discovered as at present;
 - (ii) if so, what the reason is;
 - (iii) whether the Autopsy report in relation to that death will be presented; and
 - (iv) whether arrangements will be made to pay the compensation receivable by the parents on behalf of this dead young woman ?
- (d) If not, why ?

3685/13

10.

Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the coconut estates belonging to the Coconut Research Institute;
 - (ii) separately of the extent of land pertaining to each of the aforesaid estates;
 - (iii) separately, of the coconut yield of each of those estates within the past five years; and
 - (iv) separately, the expenditure, income and profit made or loss incurred by each of those estates in the past five years ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2591/12

11.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the interim recommendations, presented by the Presidential Commission on Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation; and
 - (ii) the date on which these recommendations were publicized ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has been able to implement the interim recommendations made by the aforesaid Commission by now;
 - (ii) if not, whether action will be taken to implement these interim recommendations in future; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2902/12

12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the ministry under which the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC) is functioned; and
 - (ii) the names of present Director General of the TRC and the names of the persons previously occupied the same post since 2006 on per year basis?

- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) the revenue earned by allocating frequencies to the TV channels from 2006 to date on per year, per channel basis;
 - (ii) whether some frequencies allocated to TV channels have been withdrawn and reallocated to new or old TV channels;
 - (iii) if so, the names of the companies to which the aforesaid frequencies were reallocated as per the above; and
 - (iv) the revenue earned from the reallocation of withdrawn frequencies?
- (c) Is he aware that India earns a huge amount of money through frequency allocation for TV channels and also there was a huge scam in India for wrongful allocation of the aforesaid frequencies?
- (d) If not, why?

2924/12

13.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Botanical Gardens and Public Recreation,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether activities for the construction of a zoological garden adjoining the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage have commenced by now ; and
 - (ii) the amount of money expected to be spent on this project?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the provisions for the construction of the proposed zoological garden are secured from local funds or foreign funds ;
 - (ii) the name/s of institution or institutions from which such provisions are secured ; and
 - (iii) separately, the amount of money provided by each of the said institutions?
- (c) If not, why ?

3022/12

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether an issuing of licences or permits to foreign countries to catch fish in the territorial waters of Sri Lanka has been done by the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development or any other institution in 2012;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the countries which were provided such permits or licences; and
 - (iii) the names of the institutions which provided them ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether complaints to the effect that unauthorized fishing activities had been carried out, have been received, if permission has not been granted as mentioned in (a) (i) above;
- (ii) vessels taken into custody on those complaints and the names of the countries to which they belong;
- (iii) the measures taken regarding the fishing vessels taken into custody;
- (iv) names of the countries to which the unauthorized fishing vessels that were not taken into custody, belong to; and
- (v) the reasons for not taking them into custody ?

(c) If not, why?

3075/12

15.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the year in which the Allied Health Specialised Degree Course was initiated in the university of Peradeniya;
- (ii) separately, and in relation to each year, the number of students who got registered to follow that course; and
- (iii) the number of graduates who have completed that course, at present ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether a decision has been taken to reduce the period of the Allied Health Specialised Degree Course to 3 years;
- (ii) if so, the reasons for that ?

(c) Will he inform this House of the steps that have been taken to ensure the quality of the above degree course ?

(d) If not, why ?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Friday, July 26, 2013)

3193/12

1.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Urban Development Authority has agreed to provide on house to Mr. M. Ramasany residing temporarily at No. 575/17, Baseline Road, Dematagoda, Colombo 9 at present, under the rent basis from the Peliyagoda low income housing complex under the programme to provide houses to unauthorized settlers; and
- (ii) though the Director General of the Urban Development Authority, through the letter No. 10.05.187 dated 26.09.2005 expressed agreement to provide a house for occupation to Mr. Ramasamy under HRC/165/03/7(VI) of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, it has so far not been implemented ?

(b) Will he state whether action will be taken without delay to provide a house for permanent occupation to Mr. Ramasamy through the Urban Development Authority ?

(c) If not, why ?

3281/12

2.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) 31 families selected from the Akurana Divisional Secretary Division were settled in Senapura village belonging to the Welidkanda Division of the Mahaweli "B" Zone by the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority in the year 1986;
- (ii) in the face of death threats following the massacre of the villagers of Alinjipothana by Tiger terrorists on 14/04/1992, the residents of Senapura left their dry lands and irrigated lands;
- (iii) though they have expressed desire to return to these lands in the wake of peaceful environment created with the conclusion of war, they have so far not been granted permission by the Mahaweli Authority ?

(b) Will he state whether permission will be granted to the residents of Senapura who are living as displaced persons, to resettle there and cultivate lands ?

(c) If not, why?

3.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) detailed information of the roads coming under local authorities in the Galle District, which were closed down due to the Southern Expressway Construction Project or used in its construction work, separately for each local authority;
 - (ii) whether monetary allocations were provided to the relevant local authorities by the Southern Expressway Project or another government institution for the damages caused to the aforesaid roads;
 - (iii) if so, whether the relevant roads have been mended by the local authorities concerned using the funds provided in the aforesaid manner ?
- (b) Will he inform this House with regard to each local authority separately, if allocations were provided as mentioned in (a) (ii) above;
- (i) the name of the institution which provided funds;
 - (ii) the roads concerned for which funds were provided; and
 - (iii) the amount provided for each road and the relevant date ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3194/12

4.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the official residence of No. 87/4, Reservoir Lane, Dematagoda, Colombo 09, of the Colombo Municipal Council was provided for the occupation of A.S.P. Seneviratne, who held the post of reservoir keeper in the Colombo Municipal Council;
 - (ii) the aforesaid person has died in 2007;
 - (iii) a person named Seneviratne and a family are residing in the aforesaid official residence by force at present concealing the fact that the person mentioned above had neither a wife nor children; and
 - (iv) a judgement has been given to evict them from the aforesaid place following a case (Case No. 13724/M) heard in the Maligakanda Magistrate's Court ?
- (b) Will he state whether steps will be taken to evict the squatters who are occupying at the aforesaid place at present without delay ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3282/12

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) a request for the return of the farm land of 22 acres, 01 rood and 31 perches consisting of reserved lands and traditional lands of the Karapola tank area, Sevanapitiya in the Mahaweli "B" Zone, cultivated by A. Cader Meera and others currently residing at No. 61, Welikanda, Nawasenapura, Ethugala and abandoned subsequently following a terrorist attack in the year 1992;
 - (ii) three proposals pertaining to the return of the said land had been communicated to the Residential Manager of the 'B' Zone of the Mahaweli Authority by the Director General of the Mahaweli Authority through his letter No. L/B/3/2 dated 28.12.2010;
 - (iii) these proposals have hitherto not been implemented?
- (b) Will he state whether steps will be taken to offer a solution to Cader Meera and others as per proposal contained under number 1 of the above letter?
- (c) If not, why?

3195/12

6.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the case filed by the Special Crimes Investigation Unit of Galle in the Magistrate's Court of Galle under Case No.21972 regarding the disposal of a private land, which belongs to Mr. M.Z. Mohamed and Mrs. Fathima Saneera residing at No.160, H.K. Edmond Road, Milidduwa, Galle, under a forged deed, has been withdrawn by the Police themselves;
 - (ii) the aforesaid case has been withdrawn due to the fact that it was informed to the Magistrate's Court by the official document No. ඉ.ඉඉ. 07/2009 dated 08.02.2010 of the Registrar of Finger Print that there is a distortion of the signatures or the thumb impression that have been placed in the aforesaid forged deed No. 1977 dated 23.11.2002; and
 - (iii) legal action has not yet been taken against neither the notary who prepared the aforesaid forged deed nor the accused of the aforesaid case ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether prompt legal action will be taken against the suspects including the notary who prepared the aforesaid forged deed ?
- (c) If not, why ?

Tuesday, August 06, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2448/12

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of pumphouses that have been established for controlling floods under the Nilwala Scheme that has been implemented in Matara District;
 - (ii) of the names of the places where each pumphouse is located; and
 - (iii) of the number of pumphouses that are defunct at present ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits the fact that the expected objectives of the Nilwala Scheme will not be achieved as the pumphouses which have been established for controlling floods have become defunct;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken speedily to renovate the aforesaid pumphouses;
 - (iii) whether the necessary provisions have been allocated for the aforesaid purpose; and
 - (iv) if so, the total amount of money that has been allocated for the aforesaid purpose ?
- (c) If not, why?

2594/12

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the present percentage of youth candidates in the lists of candidates submitted for elections is a recommendation of the commission on youth unrest ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the percentage of youth candidates that should be included in the lists of candidates submitted for Local Government Elections according to the existing laws; and
 - (ii) of the age group to which a person identified as a youth candidate belongs ?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to bring down or maintain the aforesaid percentage of youth candidates in the Local Government Elections held in the future ?
- (d) If not, why?

2716/12

3.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of houses built by the Government in the year 2012;
- (ii) the entities by which those houses were built;
- (iii) the sources from where the money was spent on;
- (iv) the amount that has to be paid by an owner for the house he or she received;
- (v) the list of the names to whom such houses have been allocated; and
- (vi) the paid cost of construction of a house referred to above?

(b) If not, why?

2793/12

4.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the name of the institution that had been supplying to government hospitals previously the blood glucose test strip (EZ smart) SR581218 that is affixed to blood sugar testing equipment in testing blood glucose levels in diabetic patients;
- (ii) the time that has elapsed since this institution started supplying the strips;
- (iii) whether a circular has been issued to stop the use of the strips concerned;
- (iv) if the strips are not used in the hospitals, the reasons for not using;
- (v) the price that was charged for each unit;
- (vi) the quantity that was in stock at the stores of Medical Supplies Division at the time of stopping its use and the value of such quantity; and
- (vii) if the use of these strips has been stopped by now, what steps will be taken regarding the stock?

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- (b) Will he inform the House of—
- (i) the name of the institution that supplies the strips at present, following the suspension of the supplies from the above mentioned institution;
 - (ii) whether it has been selected according to an accepted tender procedure;
 - (iii) the price at which test strips are supplied; and
 - (iv) the names and the addresses of the proprietor and the members of the Board of Directors of this institution, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

3044/12

5.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the labourers in the privatised state plantations in Matugama, Agalawatta and Bulathsinghala areas in the Kalutara District are faced with grave health problems as those plantation companies have cut down the allocations on labour sanitation ?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of families of estate labourers living in the above areas;
 - (ii) the health facilities made available for those labourers;
 - (iii) the statistics relating to infant and maternal mortality, contraction of non communicable diseases, unwanted pregnancies and malnutrition prevalent among the members of the estate labour community as at present; and
 - (iv) whether arrangements will be made to provide the health and sanitation facilities required by those areas soon ?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the cause that triggered off the riot that broke out at Welikada prison on the 9th of November 2012;
 - (ii) whether the Police Special Task Force was deployed to check the prison because the checks done by prison officers were not sufficient;
 - (iii) of the person who issued the order to deploy that force for the said purpose;
 - (iv) of the number of officers of the Police Special Task Force who participated in the prison check; and
 - (v) whether they had entered the prison armed ?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the inmates had the support of the prison officers to enter the armoury and obtain arms;
 - (ii) the inmates were shot at on the personal wish of an officer of the Narcotics Division of the Excise Department; and
 - (iii) the human rights of the prison inmates have been violated ?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the steps that will be taken regarding the officers who had supported the inmates to obtain arms from the armoury;
 - (ii) whether the government will take action to pay compensation for the dead inmates; and
 - (iii) the measures taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents ?
- (d) If not, why ?

7.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Prime Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the types of taxes levied when importing fishing vessels or material required for building fishing vessels, fishing vessel engines, nets and material required for making nets and other fishing gear; and
 - (ii) the percentages of each type of tax levied when importing each item mentioned above?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) whether the Thriposha manufacturing factory of Sri Lanka has been closed down recently; and
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons for that?
- (b) Will he also inform this house—
 - (i) Whether the closure of the above factory is not a hindrance to accomplishing the target set to increase its capacity by 100% when the aforesaid factory was taken over from the Lanka Tobacco Company in January 2011;and
 - (ii) if so, of the action that will be taken in that regard?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action has been taken to continue the implementation of the programme to provide Thriposha required for the children in malnutrition and the pregnant mothers in the circumstance of the discontinuation of the production activities of the Thriposha factory; and
 - (ii) if so, what the aforesaid steps are?
- (d) If not, why?

3600/13

9.

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) foreign Employment Bureau has attached welfare officers to the Sri Lankan Embassies to look into the welfare of the Sri Lankan migrant workers;and
 - (ii) the Sri Lankan workers who were subjected to various type of mistreatments and harassments did not get a proper service from many of those officers ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the qualifications taken into consideration in appointing the aforesaid welfare officers;
 - (ii) the names and the addresses of those officers; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to appoint qualified officers with a proper knowledge about International Laws, the language and the culture of the relevant country ?
- (c) If not, why ?

10.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) an amount exceeding 30 crores of rupees has been spent to network the postal service;
 - (ii) the computers and accessories obtained for that project have not been used for 05 years;
 - (iii) the guarantee period for the computers purchased, has expired by now;
 - (iv) the person who had been assigned the said project has been found guilty of an allegation of corruption; and
 - (v) the Post Master General is shirking his responsibility claiming that he had no knowledge regarding the said deal?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the reasons for requesting another 35 crores of rupees for the said project through the Postal Department in addition to the 30 crores of rupees obtained earlier?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of ;—
 - (i) the ports, theaters, stadiums, schools, hospitals etc in Sri Lanka, given the name “Mahinda Rajapakse”;
 - (ii) the dates on which each of those places or projects were started under that name, separately ;
 - (iii) the total amount spent on each of the aforesaid places or projects, separately; and
 - (iv) the revenue received by the country up to now from the aforesaid income generating institutions other than schools and hospitals?
- (b) If not, why?

3774/13

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the agreements that have been signed between the Sri Lankan government and the Indian government by the President J.R. Jayawardena and the Prime Minister Rajeev Gandhi in the year 1987; and
 - (ii) of the dates on which the aforesaid agreements were signed and the contents of the agreements briefly?
- (b) If not, why?

3868/13

13.

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the nature of the project implemented under the “Kapruka” Investment Loan Programme;
 - (ii) of the contribution made by the “Kapruka” investment programme for the progress of the coconut industry;
 - (iii) if loans are granted under “Kapruka” investment, the manner in which the loans will be recovered;
 - (iv) of the amount of loans that have been granted under “Kapruka” Investment by now;
 - (v) of the Districts in which the aforesaid programme is implemented at present;
 - (vi) whether action will be taken to implement the “Kapruka” Investment Loan Programme islandwide?
- (b) If not, why ?

3869/13

14.

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—

(a) Will he state —

- (i) as mentioned in the budget debate 2012 that Kapruka Societies will be started in each Grama Niladari Division, the number of such societies established by now under the “Kapruka Purawara” programme as per each District separately;
- (ii) the total amount of funds that has been provided to the “Kapruka” societies by now as per the pledge made to provide Rs. 15000/= to a society as a cyclical fund;
- (iii) if funds have not been provided to all “Kapruka” societies by now, the societies to which the aforesaid funds have not been provided;
- (iv) the reason for not providing funds to the aforesaid societies; and
- (v) whether action will be taken to provide funds to the “Kapruka” societies to which funds have not been provided so far?

(b) If not, why?

2601/12

15.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the government is in agreement with the recommendation mentioned on page number 71 of the summary of Main Observations and Recommendations in the Presidential Commission Report on Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation that People Centred Devolution of Power should be introduced ;
- (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to devolve power accordingly;
- (iii) what the said steps are;
- (iv) the date on which devolution of power will be effected based on the aforesaid recommendation; and
- (v) if a political solution which is based on devolution of power is provided, whether the Parliament will be informed of that solution ?

(b) If not, why ?

Wednesday, August 07, 2013
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2595/12

1.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a minimum percentage of women in the lists of candidates submitted for local government elections has been stipulated in the Local Government Law;
- (ii) if not, whether he admits that a specific percentage in the lists of candidates be reserved for women candidates;
- (iii) if so, the percentage that should be so reserved; and
- (iv) whether the aforesaid percentage of women candidates is sufficient in proportion to the percentage of women population at present ?

(b) If not, why?

2883/12

2.

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(4)

(a) Will he state separately—

- (i) of the number of students who studied in each of the classes from grade one to grade thirteen;
- (ii) whether students other than those who were selected at the interview have been admitted to grade one;
- (iii) the names of the students who have been admitted to grade one in that manner;
- (iv) whether students have been admitted to other grades except for grade one; and
- (v) the names of the students who have been admitted to other grades; in the national schools situated within the Galle Education Zone, in the year 2012 ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether there are legal documents which authorized the admission of students other than the students who were selected at the interview to the aforesaid schools; and
- (ii) whether he will submit those documents to this House ?

(c) If not, why ?

2903/12

3.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the allocation of frequencies for radio stations is done by the Telecommunication Regulatory Commission ;
- (ii) the revenue obtained by the Government through the allocation of the frequencies to radio stations from 2006 to date separately on per company basis;
- (iii) whether there has been any changes done to the previously allocated frequencies and any reallocation of the same frequencies to new companies;
- (iv) if so, the names of the companies that received frequencies as per (iii) above and names of the directors of such companies; and
- (v) the revenue received by the government through reallocation of frequencies to radio stations ?

(b) If not, why ?

2925/12

4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Botanical Gardens and Public Recreation,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the construction of a zoological garden near the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage has been commenced;
- (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been spent by now, out of the amount expected to be spent for it ;
- (iii) whether the construction work of it has been completed by now ;
- (iv) if not, what construction work is remaining ; and
- (v) the amount of money expected to be spent to complete the remaining construction work?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which the aforesaid new zoological garden is expected to be declared open ; and
- (ii) whether, action will be taken to close down the Dehiwala zoological Garden with the opening of the aforesaid zoological garden?

(c) If not, why ?

3023/12

5.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a gas deposit has been discovered from Mannar sea;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid gas deposit was discovered;
 - (iii) whether the excavation activities of the said gas deposit have been started by now;
 - (iv) if so, the progress achieved so far; and
 - (v) the date on which there will be a possibility to obtain fuel out of the aforesaid gas deposit ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether arrangements will be made to auction the gas deposit discovered from Mannar sea; and
 - (ii) if so, whether the relevant reports will be submitted to this House ?
- (c) If not, why?

3053/12

6.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are only three teachers to teach 249 students who are studying at Mahaweligama primary school by now; and
 - (ii) there are number of other shortcomings in the aforesaid school ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons that are led, not to take measures to fill the existing teacher vacancies of the aforesaid school;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to fill the teacher vacancies concerned by calling applications from the unemployed graduates; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to address the shortcomings, considering the hardships that the students undergo, due to the shortcomings that exist in the aforesaid school ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3285/12

7.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) a bogus contractor has fraudulently taken an amount of sixteen million rupees for the repair and carpet the Medawachchiya, Ethakada, Etambagaskada road which was actually done by a private company with their funds;
 - (ii) an officer in a higher post in the Provincial Road Development Authority, who is well aware of the roads of the province has fraudulently approved the aforesaid payments;
 - (iii) approximately 90 million rupees has been paid to repair a stretch of 3 kilometers in Oyamaduwa road in Anuradhapura in line with the Deyata Kirula exhibition held in Oyamaduwa, Anuradhapura; and
 - (iv) the tender procedure has been completely violated when awarding tenders to repair the roads in the North Central Province ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he will look into the number of incidents where the Road Development Authority in the North-Central Province has repaired the roads committing financial frauds; and
 - (ii) whether disciplinary action will be taken against the officers who have committed frauds ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3577/13

8.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether a loan of 175 million U.S. dollars has been requested from the Osarein bank of the government of United Arab Emirates to reconstruct the Sri Lankan Airlines;
 - (ii) whether the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been obtained for that;
 - (iii) whether a debt of 15 billion rupees with the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation has to be settled out of the 21 billion rupees to be obtained; and
 - (iv) the amount of the loan required for the airport ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the reason to select Piduruthalagala estate in Boralanda area in the Nuwara Eliya District to construct an domestic airport despite the fact that a number of government lands are available in Nuwara Eliya District ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3730/13

9.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether coconut estates that come under the Coconut Cultivation Board have been sold to other persons; and
 - (ii) if so, the names of those persons who purchased those estates?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the basis on which the employees of Randeniya estate in Wariyapola and Gardland estate in Nambiriththankadawala in Pannala, that belong to the Coconut Cultivation Board have been employed in Angelo estate (Melwatta) in Ganewatta, Kurunegala, and the connection relating to that?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether coconuts have been imported to Sri Lanka from 2012 to date;
 - (ii) if so, the number imported; and
 - (iii) the reliefs provided to all types of coconut cultivators as at present?
- (d) If not, why ?

3776/13

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the years in which declarations on delimitation of administrative provinces in Sri Lanka were made under the British rule and after independence;
 - (ii) of the number of provinces that were established in Sri Lanka on each of those occasions;
 - (iii) of the instances when those delimitations were amended ; and
 - (iv) of the names of the provinces which were established accordingly?
- (b) If not, why ?

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of—
 - (i) fishing harbours that have been built anew, that are being built, that are proposed to be built and that have been developed;
 - (ii) anchorages, sea water and fresh water fish landing sites, ice plants, cold storages, shipyards and net manufacturing factories which have been built anew; and
 - (iii) new fishing vessels which were deployed for fishing activities; from the year 2005 to date ?
- (b) Will he state what future development activities have been planned by the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development?
- (c) If not, why?

2904/12

12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the companies to whom the licences have been issued to operate mobile and CDMA telephone lines to date;
 - (ii) the names of the directors of the above companies, separately;
 - (iii) the new frequencies and lines issued to mobile and CDMA companies after the year 2006;
 - (iv) the names of the directors of the above companies;
 - (v) the referrals obtained for the allocation of frequencies and telephone lines; and
 - (vi) the amounts paid by the aforesaid companies to the government separately, for the year 2011 and 2012 on per company basis ?
- (b) Will he state whether the licences have been issued to mobile operators at prices well below the market price ?
- (c) If not, why?

2926/12

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the amount funded by the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank to the National Education Commission during the last five years ;
 - (ii) the projects that were implemented disbursing the aforesaid money ; and
 - (iii) the persons who managed those projects?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether, an audit has been carried out by the Auditor General regarding the disbursement of money for the aforesaid projects ; and
 - (ii) if so, the findings of that?
- (c) If not, why ?

3140/12

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether it is necessary for the officers who are recruited to the Sri Lanka Administrative Service based on the results of the limited competitive examination held under the Sri Lanka Administrative Service Minute No. 509/7 of 07.06.1988 to pass the First Efficiency Bar Examination;
 - (ii) if so, the Clause of the aforesaid Service Minute which states that idea;
 - (iii) if such a Clause is not available, the measures taken under Article 28 of the aforesaid Service Minute to include a condition in the appointment letters stating that it is necessary to pass the above Bar Examination; and
 - (iv) if such a Clause is not clearly indicated in the Service Minute and if measures have not been taken as per Article 28, the basis on which the condition mentioned in (a) (iii) has been included in the letters of appointment of the officers recruited as above?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any relief will be provided to the officers who are inconvenienced as a result of including conditions which are inconsistent with the aforesaid Service Minute in the relevant letters of appointment as mentioned above; and
 - (ii) if so, of the aforesaid relief?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will she state —
 - (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Power and Energy;
 - (ii) the number of government vehicles that come under each such institution;
 - (iii) the grades of the officers of those institutions to whom government vehicles have been assigned; and
 - (iv) the number of vehicles falling under the supervision of those vehicles?
- (b) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of vehicles in the institutions coming under the aforesaid Ministry that have been obtained on rent basis;
 - (ii) the method of payment of rent adopted in relation to those vehicles;
 - (iii) the total amount of money paid annually as rent on those vehicles; and
 - (iv) the officers who use those vehicles obtained on rent basis ?
- (c) Will she also state —
 - (i) whether a methodology to distinguish government vehicles under this Ministry, vehicles obtained on rent basis, and personal vehicles of the officers is in place?
 - (ii) if so, whether a clarification in that regard is made;
 - (iii) whether the state insignia and the name of the relevant institution are engraved in the government vehicles that come under the Ministry and the institutions coming under it; and
 - (iv) if not, the reasons for that?
- (d) If not, why?

Thursday, August 08, 2013
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2596/12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of women who have gone overseas for employment in each of the years during the period from the year 2005-2011 after being registered at the Foreign Employment Bureau;
 - (ii) separately, the number of women who went abroad for employment as mentioned above as a percentage of the total number of persons who went abroad for employment in each of the said years; and
 - (iii) the types of the jobs for which the aforesaid women have gone abroad ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the programme that is in force to protect the rights of the women who are leaving for foreign employments ;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to implement this programme in a methodical and robust manner in the future;
 - (iii) if so, the manner in which it will be done ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2927/12

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the name, address, date of birth and educational qualifications of the incumbent Secretary of the National Education Commission ;
 - (ii) the previous posts held by the said individual and the relevant institutions ;
 - (iii) whether the said officer has been accused of financial irregularities at the institutions he held posts previously ; and
 - (iv) if such accusations have been made, the reasons for appointing such an individual to the post of Secretary of the National Education Commission?
- (b) If not, why ?

2938/12

3.

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) as to why a number of servicemen were reported absconding from Sri Lanka Air Force ;
 - (ii) whether actions have been taken against absconded servicemen of Sri Lanka Air Force or a pardon has been granted to them or their fines have been mitigated;
 - (iii) if the pardon is not granted, whether legal or court actions have been resorted ; and
 - (iv) if so, the number of absconded servicemen who have been legally indicted?
- (b) Will he also state the amount of money saved owing to missing in action or absconding of servicemen from Sri Lanka Air Force?
- (c) If not, why?

3024/12

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the countries from which the government has purchased weapons for North-East war from the year 2004;
 - (ii) of the weapons that remains at present out of the aforesaid weapons purchased;
 - (iii) of their total value; and
 - (iv) of the prices of the aforesaid weapons ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether arrangements have been made to sell the weapons that was purchased for the war and that remains at present;
 - (ii) if so, the weapons expected to be sold;
 - (iii) the countries to which the aforesaid weapons will be sold;
 - (iv) the prices at which the aforesaid weapons are sold; and
 - (v) the total income expected through the aforesaid weaponry sale ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3578/13

5.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) of the current amount of foreign reserves in the Central Bank;
 - (ii) of the current per capita debt;
 - (iii) of the total debt burden; and
 - (iv) of the state debt burden?
- (b) If not, why?

2598/12

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a shortage of English teachers in government schools at present;
 - (ii) if so, the number of existing vacancies for the English teachers; and
 - (iii) the steps that have been taken by now to remedy the shortage of English teachers?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the provisions that have been implemented by now to provide a high quality English language training for teachers; and
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid provisions have been sufficient to provide English language training as mentioned above ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2928/12

7.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Sugar Industry Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the purpose of running the Colombo office of the Sugarcane Research Institute ;
 - (ii) the monthly rent of the aforesaid office building ;
 - (iii) the number of employees working in the aforesaid office located in Colombo ; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent monthly to pay the salaries and allowances of them and telephone bills, electricity bills etc?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, of the annual Cess tax revenue earned by the Sugarcane Research Institute in each year during the last five years ;
 - (ii) whether, the approval of the Treasury has been obtained to collect the Cess tax ; and
 - (iii) of the amount of money that has been spent for research activities annually out of the aforesaid Cess tax revenue?
- (c) If not, why ?

2939/12

8.

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

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) as to why a number of servicemen were reported absconding from Sri Lanka Navy ;
 - (ii) whether actions have been taken against absconded servicemen of Sri Lanka Navy or a pardon has been granted to them or their fines have been mitigated;
 - (iii) if the pardon is not granted, whether legal or court actions have been resorted ; and
 - (iv) if so, the number of absconded servicemen who have been legally indicted?
- (b) Will he also state the amount of money saved owing to missing in action or absconding of servicemen from Sri Lanka Navy?
- (c) If not, why?

3025/12

9.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of persons arrested, in connection with the incident of attacking the Magistrate Court, Mannar, by pelting stones on or around 18.07.2012;
 - (ii) their names;
 - (iii) the reasons for such an attack on the court; and
 - (iv) of the actions that have been taken, against the individuals, who are connected with the aforesaid incident?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the complaints have been lodged, to the effect that the magistrate of the said court, was threatened, during the period of which the aforesaid incident took place;
 - (ii) if so, of the accuses of the said complaint;
 - (iii) of the actions that have been taken with regard to them; and
 - (iv) of the reasons, if the actions have not been taken?
- (c) If not, why?

3579/13

10.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that employees retiring from Sri Lanka Transport Board have not been paid gratuity since 2009;
 - (ii) whether a list of the names of SLTB employees for whom gratuity payment is overdue from the aforesaid year onward will be submitted;
 - (iii) of the total value of the gratuity that is due to be paid to all the employees listed above; and
 - (iv) whether the manner and the date on which gratuity payments will be made to them will be submitted to the House ?
- (b) Will he state the period that will be taken for the payment of gratuity to the employees of SLTB who have retired from the year 2012 onwards ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2600/12

11.

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

- (a) Will he state whether the government agrees with the statements to the effect that—
- (i) the effort taken to improve the public petitions system through the amendment introduced by Act No.26 of 1994 was insufficient; and
 - (ii) legislation relevant to the office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration or Ombudsman to take action regarding the grievances of the citizens was insufficient;

that are mentioned on page 68 of the summary of key observations and recommendations mentioned in the report of the Presidential Commission on Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation ?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the recommendation made by the aforesaid Commission to establish an independent institution to address the citizens' grievances, will be implemented; and
 - (ii) if so, when ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2929/12

12.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Sugar Industry Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a three member committee was appointed in the year 2012 by the Secretary of the Ministry to probe corruption and irregularities of the Sugarcane Research Institute?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the recommendations of the said three member committee ;
 - (ii) whether the said recommendations have been implemented as of now ;
 - (iii) the cost incurred on the said three member committee ; and
 - (iv) whether the approval of the governing council of the Sugarcane Research Institute has been received for such payments?
- (c) If not, why ?

3026/12

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the opportunity of sitting for the G.C.E Advanced Level Examination, under the old syllabus, will be limited only to the year 2012;
 - (ii) if so, whether the students, who have got unsatisfactory results in 2012 examination, will have to face the examinations, held under the new syllabus, in their second sitting;
 - (iii) whether he accepts the fact that they who received the education under the old syllabus, will encounter problems when they sit for the examinations under the new syllabus;
 - (iv) if so, whether he accepts that the aforesaid students undergo a severe injustice;
 - (v) of the actions, taken in order to avoid that; and
 - (vi) whether the students, who sat for the examination, under the old syllabus, will not have the opportunity to sit again?
- (b) If not, why?

3109/12

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of foreign monitoring trips that the Monitoring Members of Parliament (MMP) of External Affairs has taken during the time he was appointed to the said post; and
 - (ii) whether he is the *de facto* Minister or Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs?
- (b) Will he also state in respect of the aforesaid foreign trips of the MP referred to in (a) (i) on per trip basis—
- (i) the costs of air fare;
 - (ii) the costs of hotel accommodation, internal travel and entertainment expenditure;
 - (iii) the payments made by the Sri Lanka Embassies abroad to meet the costs of the MMP ; and
 - (iv) the benefits that the Ministry of External Affairs derived?
- (c) If not, why ?

3580/13

15.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the EPF money due for the employees of the service stations administered under the Sri Lanka Transport Board has not been credited to bank since 2010; and
 - (ii) the employees of the SLTB who retired after 2010 have not been able to get their EPF money as their dues have not been credited to bank?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the total amount of money that has to be credited to bank as EPF money of the employees of the service stations of the aforesaid institute since 2010 to date;
 - (ii) of the date on which the aforesaid EPF money will be credited to bank; and
 - (iii) of the amount of money that has to be paid as surcharge since the aforesaid money was not credited to bank before the due date?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, September 06, 2013

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.15/10

1.

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

P.16/10

2.

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

P.17/10

3.

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

P.18/10

4.

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

P.20/10

5.

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

P.21/10

6.

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

P.22/10

7.

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

P.23/10

8.

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

P.24/10

9.

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

P.25/10

10.

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

P.26/10

11.

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

P.27/10

12.

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

P.28/10

13.

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

P.29/10

14.

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

P.30/10

15.

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

P.31/10

16.

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

P.32/10

17.

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

P.33/10

18.

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

P.44/10

19.

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

P.45/10

20.

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

P.46/10

21.

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

P.47/10

22.

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

P.48/10

23.

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

P.49/10

24.

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

P.57/10

25.

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

P.59/10

26.

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

P.60/10

27.

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

P.62/10

28.

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

P.63/10

29.

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

P.64/10

30.

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

P.69/10

31.

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

P.77/10

32.

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

P.78/10

33.

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

P.79/10

34.

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

P.80/10

35.

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

P. 81/ 10

36.

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

P. 82/ 10

37.

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

P. 83/ 10

38.

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

P.84/ 10

39.

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

P.85/ 10

40.

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

P.86/10

41.

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

P.87/10

42.

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

P. 88/10

43.

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

P. 89/10

44.

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

P. 90/10

45.

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

P.91/10

46.

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

P.92/10

47.

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

P.93/10

48.

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

P. 94/10

49.

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

P. 95/10

50.

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

P. 96/ 10

51.

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

P.98/ 10

52.

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

P.99/ 10

53.

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

P.100/ 10

54.

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

P.101/ 10

55.

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

P.102/ 10

56.

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

P.103/10

57.

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.105/10

58.

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

P.108/10

59.

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

P.109/10

60.

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

P.110/10

61.

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

P.111/10

62.

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.

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63.

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

P.113/10

64.

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

P.114/10

65.

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

P.115/10

66.

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

P.116/10

67.

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

P.118/10

68.

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

P.119/10

69.

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

P.120/10

70.

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

P.127/11

71.

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

P.130/11

72.

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

P.131/11

73.

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

P.132/11

74.

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

P.133/11

75.

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

P.134/11

76.

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

P.138/11

77.

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

P.139/11

78.

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.141/11

79.

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

P.142/11

80.

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

P.143/11

81.

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

P.144/11

82.

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

P.147/11

83.

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

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84.

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

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85.

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

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86.

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

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87.

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

P.155/11

88.

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

P.158/12

89.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Development of Ports in Sri Lanka,— Since Sri Lanka has been known as a geographically well located centre and shipping is a very important service industry from ancient times and since India is very ambitiously developing and promoting ports, this Parliament resolves that we team up with India and Indian Business and develop ports for the benefit of two countries.

P.117/10

90.

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

P.159/12

91.

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.

P.160/12

92.

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.161/12

93.

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.162/12

94.

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.163/12

95.

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.164/12

96.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Transforming the Securities and Exchange Commission into an independent institution,— That this Parliament resolves that the Securities and Exchange Commission be made an independent institution, which would remove all impediments, especially related to political interference and political patronage.

P.165/12

97.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Introducing “Advance Voting” to replace Postal Voting,— That this Parliament resolves that the Constitution be amended to replace Postal Voting with “Advance Voting”, which will help to ameliorate many shortcomings in the present election system.

P.166/12

98.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Amending the Constitution to introduce an open Electoral Register,— That this Parliament resolves that the Constitution be amended so that the Electoral Register will be an open register, rather than a static list which is maintained at present.

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99.

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.

P.171/12

100.

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.

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101.

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.124/11

102.

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

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103.

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.176/13

104.

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.177/13

105.

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.178/13

106.

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.179/13

107.

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.180/13

108.

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.181/13

109.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Establishment of Professional Training Institute of Judges,— Whereas the establishment of a high quality profession of Judges is a prime requirement for the administration of justice in the courts of Sri Lanka and whereas the existing “Sri Lanka Judges’ Institute” is by no means sufficient for the provision of training of “very high in quality” that is essential for this purpose, that this Parliament resolves that Professional Training Institute of Judges shall be established, in conformity with the standard of a university to train Judges.

P.182/13

110.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Providing secondary school education and university education in English medium free of charge,— That this Parliament resolves that the secondary education at every government school in Sri Lanka and university education at all state universities be provided in English medium and that such education be free education, fully funded by the government.

P.183/13

111.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Introducing summary procedure for compensation cases related to motor vehicles,— That this Parliament resolves that the Code of Civil Procedure be amended so that a summary procedure would be introduced for compensation cases related to motor vehicles since heirs and dependents of persons deceased due to accidents related to motor vehicles and those who have been injured due to such accidents become extremely helpless by having to participate in a very difficult and prolonged litigation.

P.186/13

112.

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

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113.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Uplifting the National Game of Volleyball,— That this Parliament resolves that a well planned programme should be initiated to uplift the national game of Volleyball, a splendid game, which calls for a higher degree of skill, agility, physical fitness, judgment and team work.

P.189/13

114.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Uplifting the traditional handloom lace industry known as Beeralu,— That this Parliament resolves that effective and meaningful measures be taken to develop the “Beeralu” (බේරලු) indoor industry so that the rural people involved in lace manufacturing be provided with advanced facilities enabling them to earn better income, and also popularize lace and lace products among tourists.

P.187/13

115.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Restricting Ministerial Security Personnel only to the politicians,— That this Parliament resolves that the security personnel provided through the Ministerial Security Division (MSD) be restricted only to the politicians and not to be provided for their family members.

P.190/13

116.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Legislation to prevent young mothers from leaving Sri Lanka for economic reasons,— That this Parliament resolves that appropriate legislation be made to prevent young mothers having children less than five years of age from leaving Sri Lanka for economic reasons since they play a pivotal role in developing a strong and happy family environment and whereas in the recent past such mothers left Sri Lanka for foreign employment destroying the strong family unit value and creating huge social crisis.

P.191/13

117.

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.

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118.

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.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. That the Committee shall have the power to,
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee;
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) inquire into the reasons for this shortage;
 - (b) recommend the short term measures necessary to overcome the situation; and
 - (c) recommend the permanent measures necessary to prevent the re-occurrence of this situation in the future.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.

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

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- Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam
Hon. J. Sri Ranga
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Hon. Harin Fernando
Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga
Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on the causes of the recurrent flooding of the Colombo City and its suburbs,—

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

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

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

And whereas no action has also been made to prevent the recurrent of these floods,
And whereas the situation has gone from bad to worse with the passage of time;
And whereas everything tends to be forgotten after the floods have receded;
And whereas this is a most unsatisfactory state of affairs.

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

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

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4.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. D.M. Swaminadan

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. J. Sri Ranga,— Select Committee of Parliament to review the laws dealing with Elections and to recommend the amendments,—

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) review the laws dealing with elections more particularly the Registration of Electors Act, the Local Authorities Elections Act, the Provincial Council Elections Act, the Parliamentary Elections Act and the Presidential Elections Act, together with the several amendments made to the said Acts over the years and the Special Provisions Acts made applicable to the provisions of the Acts set out above;
 - (b) assess the need to revise, amend and consolidate these Acts, and
 - (c) recommend the reform and amendments necessary to the current laws dealing with elections.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker,
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to —
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book, record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any

adjournment of Parliament.

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

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Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. (Dr) Jayalath Jayawardana

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. (Mrs) Thalatha Atukorale

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) review the implementation of the provisions of the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution;
 - (b) recommend the steps necessary to ensure the observance of its provisions;
 - (c) consider whether any further amendments are necessary.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
(b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
 3. That the Committee shall have the power to:

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

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6.

Hon. Ranil Wickremasinghe

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Rauf Hakeem

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

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

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

- (a) the collection of revenue under Article 148 of the Constitution;
- (b) the payment from the consolidated fund under Article 149(1) of the Constitution;
- (c) the utilization of public funds for specific purposes by law under Article 149(1) of the Constitution;
- (d) the application of public funds under Article 150(1) and 150(2) of the Constitution;
- (e) the recessions of appropriations contained in the Appropriations Act, for the current year, the transfer of appropriation and the unexpected balance;
- (f) the implementation of the Appropriation Act for the current year;

- (g) public debt and debt service;
- (h) reports and statements under the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act, No. 2 of 2003.

3. The Committee shall from time to time report to Parliament matters arising from the matters referred to in paragraph 2.
4. The Committee shall present within 6 weeks of the tabling of the Budget Estimates of the Bill a Report on the estimates including whether the money is well laid out within the limits of Government policy.
5. The Committee shall present before Parliament within 04 days after the presentation of the Budget and the Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill a Report on the fiscal, financial and economic assumptions used as bases in arriving at total estimated expenditures and receipts.

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7.

Hon. Ranil Wickremasinghe

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Rauf Hakeem

Hon. Mangala Samaraweera,— Oversight Standing Committees,—

This Parliament resolves that,

- (a) There shall be in Parliament Committees styled “Oversight Standing Committees” as indicated below, each of which shall have the jurisdiction and related functions as indicated to examine all Bills, resolutions, treaties, reports and other matters relating to subjects to their jurisdiction as listed below;
- (b) All Bills, resolutions, treaties, reports and other matters within their jurisdiction shall be referred to the relevant Committees for report prior to being placed before the House.

1. International Relations

Including International Trade-Overseas Employment, International Organization, International Conferences and Agreements, Regional Organizations.

2. National Security

Including Defence of Sri Lanka, Armed Forces, Intelligence, Public Law and Order, Police and Security, Cooperation with Foreign Countries.

3. Agriculture and Lands

Including Plantation Industries, Mahaweli Authority, Land and Irrigation

4. Human Resources and Culture
Including Education, Training, Youth, Sports, Culture and Religious Affairs
 5. Human Settlement and Energy
Urban and Rural Infrastructure, Highways, Roads, Railway, Shipping, Aviation, Posts and Telecommunications
 6. Human Welfare
Including Health, Social Welfare, Poverty Alleviation, Disabled, Senior Citizens and Child Welfare
 7. Internal Administration
 8. Environment and Natural Resources
Including Water Management, Aquatic Resources, Exclusive Economic Zone and Fisheries
 9. Legal and Women's Affairs
Includes Courts, Human Rights, Media, Labour, National Integration and Gender.
- (c) Parliament shall allocate the subjects, functions, departments and institution assigned to Ministries under Articles 44(c) and 45(1) of the Constitution to the appropriate Standing Committee for the purpose of legislative oversight.
2. (a) The various Oversight Standing Committees shall have general oversight responsibilities as provided in paragraph (b) in order to assist Parliament in:-
- (i) its analysis, appraisal and evaluation of -
 - (a) the application, administration, executive and effectiveness of legislations passed by Parliament; and
 - (b) conditions and circumstances that may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation; and
 - (ii) its formulation, consideration, and enactment or changes in laws, and of such additional legislation as may be necessary or appropriate.
- (b) In order to determine whether laws, projects and programmes addressing subjects within the jurisdiction of a committee are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of Parliament and whether they should be continued, curtailed, or eliminated, each standing committee shall review and study on a continuing basis-
- (i) the application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of legislation projects and programmes addressing subjects within its jurisdiction;

- (ii) the organization and operation of Departments and Institutions having responsibilities for the administration and execution of legislation projects and programmes addressing subjects within its jurisdiction;
 - (iii) any conditions or circumstances that may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation addressing subjects within its jurisdiction (whether or not a bill or resolution has been introduced with respect thereto); and
 - (iv) future research and forecasting on subjects within its jurisdiction.
 - (c) Each Committee may conduct at any time such investigations and studies as it considers necessary or appropriate in the exercise of its responsibilities.
 - (d) Not later than six weeks after the commencement of the first session of Parliament, each Standing Committee shall, adopt its oversight plan for that Parliament. Such plan shall be submitted to the Committee on Parliament Business. In developing its plan each committee shall, to the maximum extent feasible-
 - (i) consult with other committees that have jurisdiction over the same or related legislation projects, programmes, or agencies within its jurisdiction with the objective of ensuring maximum coordination and cooperation among committees when conducting reviews of such legislation projects, programmes, or agencies and include in its plan an explanation of steps that have been or will be taken to ensure such coordination and cooperation;
 - (ii) review specific problems with Government rules, regulations, statues and court decisions that are ambiguous, arbitrary or nonsensical, or that impose severe financial burdens on individuals;
 - (iii) give priority consideration to including in its plan the review of those legislation projects, programmes, or agencies operating under permanent budget authority or permanent statutory authority; and
 - (iv) have a view toward ensuring that all significant legislation projects, programmes, or agencies within its jurisdiction are subject to review every 10 years.
 - (e) Not later than nine weeks after the commencement of the first session of Parliament, the Committee on Parliamentary Business shall report to the Parliament the oversight plans submitted by committees together with any recommendations that it, may make to ensure the most effective coordination of oversight plans and otherwise to achieve the objectives of this sub clause.
3. (a) The Parliament may refer any item to any Oversight Standing Committee.
- (b) A Minister may refer any matter to the relevant Oversight Standing Committee having jurisdiction over the subject, function, department or institution coming under the Minister.

4.
 - (a) The Speaker shall refer each Bill, regulation, resolution or other matter that relates to a subject listed under an Oversight Standing Committee named under Paragraph 1(a) above in accordance with the provisions of this Standing Order.
 - (b) The Speaker shall refer matters under paragraph 4 (a) in such manner as to ensure to the maximum extent feasible that each committee that has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1(a) over the subject matter of a provision thereof may consider such provision and report to Parliament thereon.
 - (c) In carrying out paragraphs (a) and (b) with respect to the referral of a matter, the Speaker:-
 - (i) shall designate a committee of primary jurisdiction;
 - (ii) may refer the matter to one or more additional committees for consideration initially or after the matter has been reported by the committee of primary jurisdiction for its opinion;
 - (iii) may subject a referral to appropriate time limitations; and
 - (iv) may make such other provision as may be considered appropriate.
 - (d) The opinion shall deal solely with those matters that fall under the areas of responsibility of the Committee giving an opinion.
 - (e) The Committee of Primary Jurisdiction shall fix a deadline within which the Committee asks for an opinion and must deliver if it to be taken into account in the Committee of Primary Jurisdiction.
5.
 - (a) Each Committee when acting in the exercise of its jurisdiction shall submit to the Speaker a report in respect of each item considered by the Committee. The Speaker shall cause such report to be tabled before Parliament.
 - (b)
 - (i) Any Report by a Committee on any Bill or regulation shall comprise draft amendments if any to the proposal accompanied, if appropriate by short justifications.
 - (ii) Any such amendment to a Bill will be submitted by the Speaker to Parliament during the Committee stage of such Bill under SO 56 as an amendment moved by the Chairman of the Committee or such other member designated by the Committee.
 - (iii) Any such amendment to a regulation will be submitted by the Speaker as an amendment moved by the Chairman of the Committee or such other member designated by the Committee.
 - (c) The Parliament may by motion approve the recommendations of any non-legislative report placed before Parliament.
6.
 - (a) Each Standing Committee will prepare a calendar of its meetings and submit it to the Speaker.

- (b) Each Standing Committee will meet not less than two days of the month. The meetings of each Standing Committee will be summoned in accordance with the calendar/timetable upon its approval by the Speaker.
 - (c) Additional meetings of any Standing Committee shall be summoned either at the request of Parliament or at the request of half the members of the Standing Committee.
 - (d) One third of the Members of Parliament may in writing request that any Standing Committee submit a report on the progress of any matter referred to such Committee provided that 8 weeks has passed after such referral. Upon receiving such request, such Standing Committee shall within two weeks submit a Report to Parliament. Such Report shall be tabled in Parliament.
7. Every Standing Committee will function for the duration of Parliament.
8. (a) All Members of Parliament other than the following are eligible to serve as Members of Standing Committees:
- (i) Speaker
 - (ii) Deputy Speaker
 - (iii) Deputy Chairman of Committees
 - (iv) Prime Minister
 - (v) Leader of the House
 - (vi) Leader of the Opposition
 - (vii) Ministers of Cabinet appointed under Article 44(1) of the Constitution
 - (viii) Ministers appointed under Article 45(1) of the Constitution the subjects and functions of whose Ministries do not come within the purview of a Minister of the Cabinet or is not delegated subjects and functions under Article 45(4).
- (b) Every eligible member shall serve as a Member of one Standing Committee. Deputy Ministers and Ministers not falling under Paragraph 8 (a)(viii) shall not serve in any Standing Committee whose jurisdiction and related functions are the same as any subject, function, Department or Institution of the Minister of the Cabinet under whose purview such Deputy Minister or Minister functions.
- (c) (i) The Speaker shall prepare a list of eligible members.
- (ii) The places in each Standing Committee will be allocated by the Speaker to political parties and independent groups represented in Parliament according to the numerical strength amongst the list of eligible members.

- (d) The Leaders of the Parties or of the Independent Groups in Parliament shall submit the nomination of members of each Standing Committee to the Speaker. The Speaker shall announce such names to Parliament in consultation with the Committee of Selection.
 - (e) The Leader of any Party or Independent Group in Parliament may in writing request the Speaker to remove any such member nominated under paragraph 8(d) from such Committee. The Speaker shall on receiving such request remove such member from such Committee after informing Parliament.
 - (f) (i) Each Standing Committee shall at its first meeting and thereafter at the first meeting after the post of Chairman becomes vacant elect a Chairman of the Standing Committee.
(ii) A Minister or a Deputy Minister shall not be eligible to be elected as a Chairman of a Standing Committee.
 - (g) Any Member who absents himself from three consecutive meetings of the Committee shall be deemed to have vacated his membership of the Committee.
9. Each Oversight Standing Committee may when it considers necessary appoint Sub Committees of its own members to examine and report to such Committee such matters as deemed necessary.
10. Matters referred to an Oversight Standing Committee may not be taken up for consideration by Parliament until 3 months has lapsed from the Reference provided that if Parliament has by resolution extended the time for the reporting on any specific matter then the consideration of such matter shall take place only after the lapse of the period as referred to in the resolution.
11. Every Oversight Standing Committee may in regard to any Bill or any other matter of public importance call for evidence from all parties affected by such Bill or of any interested parties or persons of experience.
12. (a) Whenever a Report of an Oversight Standing Committee recommends the enactment of legislation other than a Bill referred to in Article 152 of the Constitution or an amendment to the Constitution, the Chairman or any other member of the Committee specified in the Report for such purpose may after notice, subject to Article 78 of the Constitution, present a motion for the Bill to be read the first time in Parliament without an order of Parliament. Copies of the Bill shall be presented with the motion. The Speaker shall place such motion before Parliament for a vote within six weeks of the motion being presented to Parliament, provided that if the period of six weeks falls within the Second Reading or the Committee Stage or Third Reading of the Appropriation Bill shall be placed before Parliament after the completion of the consideration of the Appropriation Bill. Upon Parliament approving such a motion, the Bill shall be read for the first time and ordered to be printed.

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

- (b) After the Bill is read the first time and ordered to be Printed, the Speaker shall refer such Bill to the Cabinet of Ministers and no further proceedings shall be taken until the Cabinet of Ministers submits a Report to Parliament.
 - (c) After the Cabinet of Ministers have submitted a Report to Parliament or after the expiry of two months from the date the Bill was referred to the Cabinet of Ministers, the Bill shall be set down for Second Reading.
13. (a) Every Standing Committee shall be empowered to send for persons, papers and records and shall submit Reports containing their opinions and observations together with the minutes of evidence taken before them to Parliament.
- (b) A reservation by any member of a Standing Committee may be attached to any Report of such Committee.
14. (a) Whenever the Report of a Standing Committee recommends the enactment of legislation referred to in Article 152 of the Constitution, the Cabinet of Ministers shall submit its opinion to Parliament within 3 months of such report being tabled in Parliament.
- (b) Whenever the Report of a Standing Committee is a non-legislation report, the Cabinet of Ministers shall submit its opinion within 2 months of the Report being tabled in Parliament. Such Report shall not be taken up for consideration by Parliament.
15. Whenever any agency, association, officer or person is required to maintain confidentiality or secrecy under any law the relevant Standing Committee shall act in accordance with such law.
16. (a) Any Regulation pertaining to Public Security made under Article 155 of the Constitution shall be referred to the Standing Committee on Legal and Women's Affairs for report. Whenever the short title of a Regulation refers to specific subjects coming under the jurisdiction of another Committee, the Speaker shall refer such Regulation to such Standing Committee in accordance with paragraph 4(c)(ii).
- (b) Paragraph 7 shall not apply to reference made under sub paragraph (a).
17. Any Oversight Standing Committee may after obtaining the permission of the Speaker confer with one or more other Standing Committees.
18. The Secretary to the Minister of Finance and the Director Budget and the Secretary of the relevant Ministry shall immediately inform the Public Finance Committee of the transfer of any appropriations and the transfer of unexpended balance.
19. Jurisdiction shall mean Legislative Oversight Jurisdiction and include jurisdiction over subordinate Legislation.

The Secretary of the relevant Ministry shall immediately inform the relevant Oversight Committee of any transfer of appropriation and the transfer of any unexpended balance.

20. Paragraph 8(a) and (f)(ii) shall apply to Committee on Public Accounts and Committee on Public Enterprises.

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8.

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

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

Hon. A. R. M. Abdul Cader
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. Dayasritha Thissera
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. Sanath Jayasuriya
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Committee shall have the power to—

- (b) fix its quorum,
 - (c) summon any person to appear before it and to procure any document and
 - (d) examine witnesses under oath.
- 3 It shall also have the power to make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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9.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 2 (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members,
 - (c) That its Report of shall be presented to Parliament within three months of its first meeting or any such period as extended by Parliament.
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- 3 That the Committee shall have power to,
 - (a) fix its Quorum,
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to produce any document or record, to produce and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for fullest consideration of the matters referred to above ;
 - (c) obtain the services of specialists and experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee;
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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10.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. Harin Fernando

Hon. Kabir Hashim

Hon. D. M. Swaminadan

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene

Hon. R. Yogarajan

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana

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

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

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

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

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

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11.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. Palitha Range Bandara

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana

Hon. R. Yogarajan

Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma

Hon. Niroshan Perera

Hon. Abdul Haleem

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) Under which legal provision KP is being held in custody;
- (b) Whether it is intended to frame charges against KP, and if so —
 - (i) Under what law he be charged,
 - (ii) What offences be included in the charge sheet,
 - (iii) When it is proposed to file charges against him, and
 - (iv) In which Court such charges be framed;
- (c) Whether requests have been made for his extradition and if so, which countries have made such requests and whether it is proposed to extradite him;
- (d) The fate and location of the assets of the LTTE which were in the possession of “KP” with particular reference to bullion and ships;
- (e) The Select Committee should also address itself to the question whether any official or officials are guilty of treacherous conduct and dereliction of duty in holding “KP” without proceeding against him under the laws of the country.

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

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12.

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage

Hon. Harin Fernando

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake

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

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

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

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

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

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

13.

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera

Hon. Mohan Lal Gero

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) Why tender procedures were not followed in placing the order of this stock of petroleum;
- (b) Whether in fact low quality petroleum was imported by the Corporation;
- (c) The country from where such imports were made;
- (d) The total cost of the imports;
- (e) The total loss to the Corporation as a result of such imports;

- (f) Why no action was taken to prevent such imports;
 - (g) Why no action was taken to reject the stocks that arrived if they were found to be low quality;
 - (h) Why after having known that the imported stocks were low quality, they were dispatched to the several sheds in the country;
 - (i) Why the payment was made after it was discovered that the imported stocks were of low quality;
 - (j) Why the public were not informed that there was bound to be a shortage of petrol;
 - (k) The persons responsible for such imports;
 - (l) The steps that should be taken to prevent such occurrences in the future;
 - (m) What action should be taken against those responsible for these imports;
 - (n) Any other matter that the Committee deems appropriate in the circumstances which has a bearing on these matters under consideration.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker,
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to :
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

14.

Hon. A. D. Susil Premajyantha
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. Rauf Hakeem
Hon. (Prof) Tissa Vitarana
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Maithripala Sirisena
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Risad Badhiutheen
Hon. Basil Rohana Rajapaksa
Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan
Hon. DEW Gunasekara
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Perumal Rajathurai
Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha

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

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

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

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

This Parliament resolves as follows:

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

(a) enhance the unity of the people of Sri Lanka;

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

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15.

Hon. Maithripala Sirisena
Hon. Nirmala Kotalawala
Hon. Mohamed Aslam
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. W. B. Ekanayake
Hon. A. R. M. Abdul Cader
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Vinayagamoorthi Muralidaran
Hon. Palany Thigambaram
Hon. Sarana Gunawardena
Hon. Jagath Balasuriya
Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Y. G. Padmasiri
Hon. Sajin De Vass Gunawardena
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Udith Lokubandara

Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe
Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera
Hon. Achala Jagodage
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage
Hon. (Dr.) Rohana Pushpa Kumara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. Sarath Kumara Gunaratne
Hon. Tissa Karalliyadda
Hon. Hemal Gunasekera
Hon. Eric Prasanna Weerawardhana
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Gitanjana Gunawardena
Hon. Reginold Cooray
Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Jayarathne Herath
Hon. Victor Antony
Hon. (Miss) Kamala Ranathunga
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. H.R. Mithrapala
Hon. Rohana Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs) Upeksha Swarnamali
Hon (Mrs) Malani Fonseka
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Piyasena Gamage
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Gamini Wijith Wijithamuni De Zoysa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Risad Badhiutheen
Hon. J. R. P. Suriyapperuma
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne
Hon. S.C. Mutukumarana
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. Rauf Hakeem
Hon. Milroy Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) Mervyn Silva
Hon. A. L. M. Athaulla
Hon. A. M. Chamika Buddhadasa
Hon. Felix Perera
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. M.B. Farook

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

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

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

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

- (a) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Janaka Bandara, former Magistrate, Wellawaya and whether he was compelled and pressurized to tender his resignation,
- (b) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Hiran Ekenayake, former Additional Magistrate, Colombo and whether his services were terminated maliciously.
- (c) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Sunil Lawrence de Costa, former Magistrate,

- (d) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Anura Bandara, former Additional District Judge, Matara,
- (e) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr D M Siriwardena, former Magistrate, Maligakanda
- (f) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Palitha Bandaranayake, former District Judge, Negombo,
- (g) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Prabhath de Silva, former District Judge, Nuwara Eliya,
- (h) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr D M T B Dissanayake, former Magistrate, Kebithigollawa,
- (i) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Harold Wijesiri Liyanage, former Additional Magistrate, Colombo,
- (j) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr K D D K de Abrew, former Magistrate, Morawaka,
- (k) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Y L Dharmasena, former Magistrate, Balapitiya,
- (l) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Nandana Weerasinghe, former Additional Magistrate, Kandy,
- (m) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr A M D S Dikkapitiya, former Magistrate, Kantale,
- (n) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr G D Kulatilake, former District Judge, Elpitiya,
- (o) in addition to the aforementioned, instances where the services of judicial officers has been terminated maliciously,
- (p) whether Hon Sarath N Silva caused the appointment as caretaker of the Judges Institute which was functioning at the official residence of the chief justice at 129, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 07, of a person by the name of Rohana Kumara, against whom several cases were pending,
- (q) the circumstances relating to the formation of The Buddhist Broadcasting Services of which Hon Sarath N Silva is an honorary Director and the decision in CBN Sat case, where the Petitioner Muhunthan Canagey had given a donation of Rs. 65 million to start The Buddhist TV channel,

- (r) matters connected with the role of Hon Sarath N Silva in the World Bank/ UNDP funded project on modernization of Parliament, democracy and development,
 - (s) whether any other persons are aggrieved as a result of malicious action on the part of Hon Sarath N Silva during his tenure of office as Chief Justice.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than thirty one (31) Members,
3. That the Committee shall have the power to, —
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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16.

Hon. John Amaratunga
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana
Hon. P. Harrison
Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe
Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage
Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara Jayasinghe
Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva

Hon. Sajith Premadasa

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

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

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

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

And whereas the more prominent among these institutions are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) look into the affairs of these institutions reflected in the COPE Report and more particularly the institutions listed herein to determine the causes for these losses;
- (b) determine whether any individual or individuals are responsible for the mismanagement of these institutions or involved in fraudulent activities;
- (c) prevent continued occurrence of these losses;

- (d) recommend what action should be taken in the first instance to punish those responsible;
 - (e) determine what steps should be taken to recover these losses; and
 - (f) determine what additional legislation is necessary to implement the recommendations in the Report, including the establishment of a Parliamentary Budget Office.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to—
- (a) fix its quorum ;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book, record or document in the possession or under the control of such person ;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer ;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee ; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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17.

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

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera

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

And whereas contradictory statements are being made by various parties;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) examine the modalities of the 'Z' score;
 - (b) examine the reasons which led to this problem;
 - (c) recommend means to rectify and remedy to the Advance Level results for the academic year 2011;
 - (d) recommend steps to be taken to prevent future occurrence of such problems; and
 - (e) recommend other remedial measures that the Committee deems necessary.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker,
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to—
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;

- (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
- (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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

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18.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. Sajith Premadasa
Hon. D. M. Swaminadan
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. Akila Wiraj Kariyawasam
Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. Karu Jayasuriya
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. Ajith P. Perera
Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale
Hon. Mangala Samaraweera
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara Jayasinghe
Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Abdul Haleem
Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara
Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe
Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga
Hon. R. Yogarajan
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Dunesh Gankanda
Hon. (Mrs) Rosy Senanayake

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19.

Hon.(Dr.) Harsha De Silva

Hon. Ajith P. Perera

Hon. Niroshan Perera,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on the statement made by the Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of International Monetary Co-operation in Parliament with regard to the investments made by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in Greek Bonds,—

Whereas around 2010 several Euro zone economies fell into crises as a result of the global financial crisis compounded by irresponsible domestic economic management;

And whereas Greece was one of the worst affected countries with its growth rate falling well below estimates, fiscal imbalances building up with expenditure outstripping tax revenues by a large margin, debt beginning to spiral out of control and the credibility of official statistics falling to almost zero particularly upon the revelation that the Greek government had consistently misled the European Union with fictitious budget deficit figures;

And whereas by the first quarter of 2010 the ability of the Greek government to meet its debt obligations had come into serious question driving fears of a possible sovereign default;

And whereas rating agencies began downgrading Greek debt to 'junk' status and with its private credit to Greece virtually dried up;

And whereas in April 2010 the Greek government requested and obtained a EURO 110 billion bail-out package jointly funded by the Euro zone countries and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) conditional upon implementing a tough austerity package with the hope of putting a stop to the deteriorating economy;

And whereas the Greek government was unable to carry through the tough fiscal conditions, given no flexibility on the monetary side, the measures implemented were sufficient to push people to the streets to riot;

And whereas the Greek economy continued to falter and the confidence in Greek debt fell dramatically leading to heightened expectations of sovereign default;

And whereas in March 2011 Moody's further downgraded Greek debt deep into 'junk' territory with a speculative and high risk rating along with a negative outlook;

And whereas with this development, investors quickly began dismissing Greek bonds as 'worthless paper' and its yields began to rise with imminent default as the Euro zone IMF bail-out was stuck with the Greek government unable to implement the austerity package to meet disbursement conditions;

And whereas in this background the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in early April 2011 had purportedly invested EURO 22 million on Greek bonds at the risk of great loss;

And whereas on July 17th, 2012 this was raised in Parliament after the press revealed that there had been a large loss to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka due to selling some of its Greek bonds at a loss;

And whereas the Minister of International Monetary Co-operation was asked if it was true and if so the details of the investments and an explanation as to why such an investment was made, and in particular, without the consent of the Monetary Board;

And whereas the Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of International Monetary Co-operation, replying to the question stated that in fact the Central Bank had invested in Greek bonds in early April;

And whereas in justifying the investments the Hon. Minister stated that *"The decision (to invest in Greek bonds) was influenced by the fact that at that time (April 5th, 2011) there was a robust framework in place for crisis management in Europe supported by a Financial Stability Package."*;

And whereas the Hon. Minister further stated that *"So, there was this big fund that the global monetary authorities created to save Greece at that point of time. Therefore, the risk was considered to be reasonably low and tolerable in the circumstances... "*;

And whereas it is noted that the above statement by the Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of International Monetary Co-operation, is incorrect;

And whereas the risk in Greek bonds was reasonably high and default was imminent;

And whereas at the time of the said investments in Greek bonds the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF) had no arrangement with that country;

And whereas even if Greece were to have obtained a bail-out from the EFSF that would not have been to the benefit of Sri Lanka as the temporary EFSF that was being converted in to the permanent European Satiability Mechanism (ESM) with 'preferred creditor' status second only to the International Monetary Fund (IMF);

And whereas 'preferred creditor' status meant that at payment in order of preference investment made by the ESM would have preference over all other parties except the IMF;

And whereas the investments by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka were in serious peril of being defaulted;

And whereas the Hon. Minister misled the House by implying that the funds invested by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka were safe when in fact they were in great danger;

And whereas soon after the reckless investment by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in Greek bonds, the Greek government faltered again and its debt rating was downgraded to the lowest in the world;

And whereas by October 2011 Greece went into a controlled default with creditors agreeing to a more than 50 percent write off on their debt;

And whereas the Central Bank of Sri Lanka also had 53.5 percent of the principal of its remaining (after selling at a deep discount) Greek bonds wiped out at a great loss to the country;

And whereas the Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of International Monetary Co-operation, in his statement on July 17th, 2012 by not disclosing the truth and justifying the investment where the "*risk was considered to be reasonably low and tolerable*" purportedly due to "*a big fund that the global monetary authorities created to save Greece at that point of time*" has deliberately misled the House.

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

- (a) determine whether and to what extent the Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of International Monetary Co-operation has misled this House with regard to the investments of EURO 22 million on Greek bonds by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka; and
 - (b) recommend to this House what action should be taken in the circumstances.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker; and
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person ;

- (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee ; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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20.

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe

Hon. (Mrs) Vijayakala Maheswaran,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on the prison riot which took place on November 9th, 2012,—

Whereas a prison riot of enormous magnitude took place on the night of November 9th, 2012 and continued till early hours of November 10th, 2012 and has resulted in nearly 30 deaths and equal number of injured including the Deputy Inspector General of Police, Commandant of the Special Task Force;

And whereas this is not the first time that such occurrences have happened within prisons;

And whereas it appears that these incidents happened because of corruption in the system;

This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire and report on—

- (a) what was the immediate cause of this riot;
- (b) what sparks off prison riots so often;
- (c) what are the long standing issues that effect prison discipline;
- (d) what steps need to be taken in the short term and the long term to prevent such occurrences;
- (e) any other matters that the Committee feels are relevant.

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

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Hon. R . Yogarajan,— Vote of No Confidence on the Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Minister of Power and Energy,—

Whereas Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Minister of Power and Energy in the course of her reply to the question raised by Hon John Amaratunga, Chief Opposition Whip on 23rd April, 2013 regarding the electricity tariff hikes, positively stated that the proposal to implement the recent power tariff hike had been made by her predecessor, Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka before she had assumed duties in her present post;

And whereas Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka presently the Minister of Technology, Research and Atomic Energy has specifically denied any responsibility to the increase in the electricity tariff, in a statement issued on 24th April, 2013;

And whereas in fact he has gone to the extent of challenging her to produce evidence to substantiate her statement;

And whereas it is obvious that the Minister of Power and Energy has deliberately mislead this House and in doing so, is guilty of a breach of privilege of the whole House and also its Members;

That this Parliament therefore resolves that it no longer has any confidence in the Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi to continue as the Minister of Power and Energy.

* *Indicates Government Business*
