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**Tuesday, January 23, 2018
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

1.

1187/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House, in respect of the Manner District—
- (i) of the extent of agricultural land that was under cultivation by the year 1983;
 - (ii) of the extents of land cultivated in the years 1982 and 1983, separately in respect of each crop in each year;
 - (iii) of the total extent of cultivated land in each year after 1983 up until the end of the war situation in 2009, separately;
 - (iv) of the total extent of cultivated agricultural land after the end of the war situation up until now in each year, separately; and
 - (v) whether he will table a comprehensive report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

1330/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the date on which LTL Projects Company was established as a subsidiary of Lanka Transformers Limited (LTL);
 - (ii) whether LTL possesses 100% of the ownership of LTL Projects Company;
 - (iii) of the names of the present owners of the LTL Projects Company;
 - (iv) whether LTL possesses shares of LTL Projects Company at present; and
 - (v) of the names of the persons who granted the right to alienate or transfer the number of shares of LTL Projects Company that belonged to LTL Company?

(2)

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that LTL Projects (Pvt.) Ltd, the subsidiary of LTL Company, has not been included in the audit reports after 2006 due to which government has not received dividends from that company; and
 - (ii) whether an investigation will be carried out into this and whether action will be taken to recover from the aforesaid company the amount that government has lost since 2006 to date?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1404/'16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amount of money utilized in 2016 out of the allocation of Rs. 4000 million allocated to be used within three years for devising a target solution for the human-elephant conflict as per proposal No. 175 of the Budget 2016 and its progress?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the Ministries and institutions responsible for implementing the above budget proposal;
 - (ii) the number of deaths and damages to property owing to human-elephant conflict reported from 1977 up to now in relation to each year;
 - (iii) whether compensation was paid by the government to the parties of persons who died of the human-elephant conflict in each of the above years;
 - (iv) if so, the amount of compensation in relation to each year; and
 - (v) whether he explains the expected target solution for human-elephant conflict mentioned in the above budget proposal?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

1473/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Regional Media Journalists' Organizations that display an active contribution to development drive of the country, which is in operation in the at present;
 - (ii) of the names of such media organizations and the journalists who are office-bearers in them; and
 - (iii) what steps have been taken to enhance their living conditions as well as advancement of professional career?
- (b) If not, why?

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5.

1497/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that there is a need to digitalize cinema halls in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) if so, of the reason why the government is not intervening in the matter of digitalizing cinema halls in Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1499/'16

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,—To ask the Minister of Justice,—(2)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the approval of the Quasi Judges should be obtained when the marriages are contracted with respect to the Muslim girls below the age of 12, in terms of section 23 of Muslim Marriages and Divorce Act;
 - (ii) accordingly, whether the reports exist to prove the fact that the approval of Quazi Judges have been granted in contracting marriages with respect to the Muslim girls below the age of 12;and
 - (iii) if so, in terms of aforesaid Act, from year 2010 to date, of the number of approvals granted and details on such approvals, separately, in terms of each district?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

1504/'17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) market prices of different types of fertilizers used for paddy cultivation and other crops during first half of year 2016 and now in the year 2017 separately;
 - (ii) whether it is admitted that fertilizer prices have been increased in comparison to the fertilizer prices at the beginning of year 2016;
 - (iii) whether the price of a 50 kg fertilizer pack which was at Rs.1300/- at the beginning of year 2016 has gone up to Rs.2900/- by now;
 - (iv) whether it is admitted that the public life depended on agriculture including plantations will face an immense setback if fertilizer prices are not controlled or the fertilizer subsidy is not increased in accordance with market prices; and
 - (v) if so, what the proposed solutions are?
- (b) If not, why?

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8.

1508/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the value of All Share Price Index by 31.12.2016;
 - (ii) from which percentage the All Share Price Index has changed by 31.12.2016 in comparison to 31.12.2014 and 31.12.2015; and
 - (iii) the value of net foreign purchases within the year 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

1625/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) a large number of rural schools have faced the threat of closure as a result of the efforts taken to admit students to the popular schools within the school system in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of schools that have less than 50 students; and
 - (iii) the number mentioned in (ii) above in respect of each district separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Kompitiya Vidyalaya in Godakawela Zone in Ambilipitiya Education Zone in the district of Rathnapura has been closed by now;
 - (ii) the Provincial Education Department or other relevant institutions have not been informed of the closure of this school;
 - (iii) if so, whether he admits that the Principal, the Zonal and Divisional Directors of Education are responsible for the closure of the school and distribution of the goods that belong to the school at their discretion; and
 - (iv) the steps that will be taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

1631/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total grants and loans received hitherto from the Asian Development Bank for the promotion of renewable energy;
 - (ii) separately, the year in which each such grant/loan was received and the amount so received; and
 - (iii) whether he is satisfied with the contribution made by each such loan/ grant for the promotion of renewable energy?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

1728/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the names of the members of the Board of Directors of the Mahapola (Higher Education) Trust Fund;
 - (ii) their appointing authority;
 - (iii) separately, the monies received by this Fund from the year 2010 to year 2017 and the funding sources year basis;
 - (iv) separately, the recurrent expenditure of the Mahapola (Higher Education) Trust Fund in respect of each year from the year 2010 to year 2017; and
 - (v) the payments made by the Mahapola (Higher Education) Trust Fund for granting scholarships and non-recurrent purposes separately in respect of each year and purpose from the year 2005 to year 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

1744/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately in respect of each of the years —
 - (i) the amounts of foreign investments received in 2015, 2016 and 2017; and
 - (ii) the amounts of foreign investments which had existed in the preceding years and have been removed?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

1752/17

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether railway carriages belonging to Department of Sri Lanka Railways have been given for use of private institutions; and
 - (ii) if so, the duration, basis, given institutions and criteria in respect of such granting and the scheduled trains to which they are attached and the number of carriages attached to each such train, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether all the moneys due towards the Department of Sri Lanka Railways have been obtained from the institutions to which these carriages have been granted;
 - (ii) what institutions are in arrear in payments; and
 - (iii) what amounts are due from the respective institutions, separately?

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- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether a loss has been caused to Department of Sri Lanka Railways due to this grant of the use of railway carriages;
 - (ii) if so, what the total loss is; and
 - (iii) whether he will take action to recover that loss to Department of Sri Lanka Railways expeditiously?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

1778/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the facts that will be taken into consideration when establishing the proposed new Local Authorities in the Putlam District; and
 - (ii) of the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions and Grama Niladhari Divisions that will come under the aforementioned Local Authorities?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

1811/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of students studying in the Tamil Medium schools in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of teachers teaching at Tamil medium schools; and
 - (iii) of the number of vacancies for Tamil medium teachers presently existing at schools?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) as to why action is not taken to give a training to those who have passed the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination in the Tamil medium and recruit them as Tamil medium teachers;
 - (ii) whether it has been planned to bring teachers from foreign countries in order to fill the vacancies currently existing in Sri Lanka for Tamil medium teachers; and
 - (iii) if so, whether he would admit that such action causes a great injustice for those who have completed higher studies in the Tamil medium?
- (c) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Bill — Adjourned debate on question. (11th December 2017) [1].

*2.

Safeguard Measures Bill — Adjourned debate on question.(11th December 2017) [1].

*3.

Revised Draft Standing Orders of Parliament,— Report of the Committee on Standing Orders in relation to the revised Draft of the Standing Orders of Parliament presented on Tuesday, 07th November 2017,— Consideration.

*4.

Fisheries (Regulation of Foreign Fishing Boats) (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Commercial Mediation Centre of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Securities Exchange Bill — Second Reading.

*8.

Excise (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*9.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Regulation under the Motor Traffic Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Sections 21, 22, 23, 24 and 24A of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2032/36 of 18th August 2017, which was presented on 06.12.2017, be approved.

*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Revision of remuneration of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman and the allowances of the Members of the National Education Commission,— Whereas the remuneration of Members of the Commission established by the National Education Commission Act, No. 19 of 1991 be determined by Parliament in terms of Section 4(8) of the Act;

And whereas, based on the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers dated 14.11.2017, approval has been granted to revise the remuneration of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman and the allowances of members of the National Education Commission, as follows:—

- (i) Payment of monthly remuneration of Rs.75,000/- and Rs.60,000/- to the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman respectively;

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- (ii) Payment of an allowance of Rs. 6,000/- per meeting for the members of the Commission; and
- (iii) Granting a monthly fuel allowance equal to the value of 225 liters to the Chairman and a monthly fuel allowance equal to the value of 170 liters to the Vice-Chairman in terms of the Public Administration Circular No. 13/2008 (iv).

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves that the payment of the aforesaid remuneration to the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman and the aforesaid allowances to the members of the National Education Commission be made and be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of Section 4(8) of the National Education Commission Act, No.19 of 1991.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

Resolution under the Constitution,— Adjourned Debate on Question (22nd June, 2016) Motion made and question proposed,—“Media guidelines to be followed/ Policies to be observed by the Electronic and Print Media during Referenda and Elections published by the Election Commission in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1955/19 of 25th February 2016 in terms of the provisions of Article 104B (5)(a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka which was presented on 06.05.2016, be approved.”

16.

Institute of Personnel Management, Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

17.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

18.

United Christian Fellowship of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

19. Sri Lanka Women's Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
20. Moneragala District Kantha Maha Sangamaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
21. Lasallian Community Education Services (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
22. International Women's and Children's Rights (IWCRC) (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.
23. Aloka Social Service Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
24. Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

Motion made and question proposed "That the Bill be now read a second time."

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

124/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are large numbers of beggars in cities of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) some of them are involved in anti social activities; and
 - (iii) some of them are fraudsters disguised as beggars?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a census has been conducted regarding the beggars in Sri Lanka; if so, the date;
 - (ii) the number of beggars in Sri Lanka, according to that census;
 - (iii) the number, as male, female and children separately;
 - (iv) whether a census will be conducted on beggars, if it has not been carried out; and
 - (v) if so, the date?

(10)

- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the measures taken by the government to rehabilitate these beggars;
 - (ii) the number of Beggars' Rehabilitation Centers in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent by the government annually for rehabilitation activities?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

465/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(9)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the foreign tours that His Excellency the President engaged in, within the year 2015; and
 - (ii) of the names and the designations of the individuals who participated in each of the aforesaid foreign tours and, separately, of the expenditure borne by the government and semi government institutions on aforesaid individuals?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1408/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Primary Industries,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a Primary Industry Council has been established as per proposal No.182 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it was established and its location;
 - (iii) whether he will briefly explain the objective of establishing a Primary Industry Council and the programme for same;
 - (iv) whether a list of experts to be involved in the council is submitted;
 - (v) whether a list of primary industries active in Sri Lanka at present as indicated in the above proposal is submitted; and
 - (vi) the primary industries newly started in Sri Lanka including those in the North and East with the conclusion of the armed conflict in 2009?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1470/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the date on which the Mihin Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd. was established;
 - (ii) of the initial objectives of the Mihin Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd.;
 - (iii) separately of the names, addresses and educational qualifications of the persons who were members of the Board of Directors of Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. from its establishment to its last Board of Directors along with salaries and other benefits received by them;
 - (iv) separately of the annual loss incurred by the Mihin Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd. from its beginning;
 - (v) of the names of government institutions from which loans were obtained by Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. and the names of government institutions to which is to settle loans along with the amounts obtained as loans; and
 - (vi) of the steps that will be taken by the government regarding the future of the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

1579/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that steps were taken by the previous government to construct the Broadland hydro power plant in Kalukohutenna, Kithulgala with Chinese aid; and
 - (ii) whether he admits that while pledges were made to pay suitable compensation for the lands of the residents of the aforesaid village that were taken over by the government for the said project, residents of Kegalle district have been paid a paltry sum as compensation even though compensation was paid to residents of Nuwara Eliya district?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether he would look into this and take steps to pay sufficient compensation to residents of Kegalle district as well?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

1617/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of National Schools and schools governed by the Provincial Council functioning in Ratnapura district separately;
 - (ii) out of them, the number of schools that do not have qualified principles;
 - (iii) what those schools are; and
 - (iv) whether it is admitted that large number of unqualified acting principals had been appointed under the political influence during the past regime?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

1638/'17

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a section specially vested with responsibility for developing renewable energy does not exist in the structure of the Ceylon Electricity Board;
 - (ii) whether technical challenges that may arise in adding renewable energy to the national electricity grid in an optimum manner can be overcome in the absence of a Division dedicated for developing renewable energy; and
 - (iii) of the reason for the negative attitude shown by the Ceylon Electricity Board towards renewable energy?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1983/'17

Hon Piyal Nishantha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the public playground of Aluthgama belonging to the Beruwala Pradeshiya Sabha is maintained by the said Pradeshiya Sabha; and
 - (ii) the playground concerned was renovated and developed a year ago?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of provision granted for the development activities and the year in which it was granted;
 - (ii) whether the specified tender procedure has been followed in developing the playground;
 - (iii) if not, the reasons for it;

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- (iv) who the contractors of the project are; and
- (v) whether the total amount of money approved for the project has been utilized for the aforesaid project; and
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the recommendation of the Minister representing the area is required for obtaining approval from the Beruwala Pradeshiya Sabha to book the playground for a festival/ sports event/ social event;
 - (ii) if so, the reason for it;
 - (iii) whether engaging in sports in this playground has been banned for sports clubs in the area; and
 - (iv) if so, the reasons underlying it?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

2108/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of houses built under various housing projects within last year in Thennamarachchi Divisional Secretariat Division, Jaffna;
 - (ii) whether all those houses have been provided to the relevant beneficiaries;
 - (iii) whether the relevant beneficiaries are occupying those houses;
 - (iv) whether action could be taken to specify a period for the current beneficiaries who are not occupying those houses to settle down in them and provide those houses to other beneficiaries who require housing if such beneficiaries fail to occupy those houses within the said period?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

2123/17

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of houses, toilets and drinking water wells in the Kalutara district which were totally, partially and slightly damaged by the floods and landslides that occurred on 27.05.2017, separately
 - (ii) of that number in relation to each Grama Niladhari division and Divisional Secretariat division, separately;

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- (iii) whether it is an aid or a loan that the government provides to rebuild such totally damaged houses, toilets and drinking water wells and reconstruct partially and slightly damaged houses, toilets and wells and the amount of aid or loan;
 - (iv) the number of totally, partially or slightly damaged houses, toilets and drinking water wells for which loans or aid have been provided by now;
 - (v) the names, addresses, Grama Niladhari divisions and Divisional Secretariat divisions of the families for which such aid or loan have been provided, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

2128/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether approval of the Urban Development Authority has been obtained for the purpose of constructing the building named “DPJ” located at No. 288 Sri Jayewardenepura Road, Kotte, Rajagiriya, which belongs to Mr. Upali Jayasinghe;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which such approval has been obtained;
 - (iii) what conditions were put forth by the Urban Development Authority for its construction;
 - (iv) whether they have been complied with; and
 - (v) if not, what measures have been taken by the Urban Development Authority against the organization in question?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

2146/17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the consumption of eggs in Sri Lanka from 2010 in relation to each year, separately up to now;
 - (ii) the manner through which that need is met;
 - (iii) the production of eggs in Sri Lanka in relation to each district, separately; and
 - (iv) the steps the Ministry intends to take to enhance the standard of living of egg producers in the Kurunegala and Puttalam district, as a significant portion of the people in these two districts are engaged in this business?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

2281/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the consumption of illicit liquor (Kasippu) has increased within the last few years, separately every year;
 - (ii) whether the number of raids to seize illicit liquor (Kasippu) being carried out has been reduced;
 - (iii) of the number of places raided that were selling illicit liquor (Kasippu) and the amount of liters of illicit liquor seized within the first six months of the years 2015, 2016 and 2017, separately each year;
 - (iv) of the future measures the Ministry will take to prevent illicit liquor (Kasippu) production?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

2455/17

Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) approximate extent of Palm Oil cultivation in Sri Lanka district wise;
 - (ii) government's policy regarding the propagation of palm oil cultivation in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) whether the Ministry identifies a correlation between Palm Oil cultivation and water retention and soil disintegration; and
 - (iv) if so, what action has been taken so far;
- (b) If not, why?

15.

2458/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Padaviya Rural Hospital which has been established in the year 1972 has no facility as at today and become a central dispensary;
 - (b) Will he inform this House of the date on which arrangements would be made to reinstate this hospital?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Tuesday, February 06, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1331/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,— (3)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of subsidiaries owned by LTL Holdings (Pvt.) Ltd and their names;
 - (ii) the methodology followed to establish those subsidiaries; and
 - (iii) duties carried out by each subsidiary separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) percentage of the profit received by Ceylon Electricity Board from the revenue of aforesaid companies, as a breakdown of each company separately;
 - (ii) whether he accepts this profit share is not correct; and
 - (iii) if so, measure will be taken to rectify it?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1407/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how many of the Dedicated Agricultural and Fishery Export Zones proposed to be established according to Budget Proposal No. 183 in the Budget 2016, as mentioned in the manifesto of the Hon. Prime Minister, were established in the year 2016 and where they have been located;
 - (ii) of the total expenditure borne by the government separately for each of the zones so established according to the aforesaid proposal;
 - (iii) what government agency bears the responsibility for these Dedicated Agricultural and Fishery Export Zones; and
 - (iv) what export income was earned through each such zone if such zones have been established in the year 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1542/17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he accepts that the Uma Oya Development Project has become a menace to the people engaged in agricultural activities within the Badulla District including Bandarawela; and
 - (ii) whether the Ministry has taken steps to pay compensation to the people whose cultivation has been adversely affected by this Project?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1618/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) it is admitted that there is a teacher shortage in the schools of Sabaragamuwa Province;
 - (ii) if so, number of teacher vacancies according to each subject separately;
 - (iii) expedited future measures that will be taken to fill the teacher vacancies; and
 - (iv) it is admitted that teacher transfer procedure applicable for provincial schools is not implemented properly in Sabaragamuwa Province?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

1702/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) recruitments have been made for 980 vacancies stating that the results of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service Examination of 2016 were released; and
 - (ii) however, even the results sheets have yet not been sent to the applicants who sat for this examination and that there is at least no possibility to obtain results on internet;
- (b) Will he inform this House whether measures will be taken to recruit the qualified individuals based on the existing vacancies, having taken steps to release the rest of the results after inquiring the matter?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

1704/'17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of degree awarding institutions in Sri Lanka at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately of —
 - (i) the address;
 - (ii) the date on which approval has been obtained from the University Grants Commission to award degrees;
 - (iii) the degrees awarded;
 - (iv) the number of undergraduates in them; and
 - (v) the fee charged for each degree course; with respect to each of the said institutions?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

1713/'17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the lands owned by Mr. T.N. Ameer at No. 3/19, Nagarasaba Nivasa road and other 68 persons, who faced the Tsunami catastrophe on 26.12.2004, were acquired on 17.03.2010 to construct a coastal park; and
 - (ii) the above mentioned people have not been paid compensation for the acquired lands up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to pay compensation for these people;and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

1751/'17

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the cinemas that are currently in operation in the island;
 - (ii) the places they are located, separately; and
 - (iii) the name/s of the owner/s of each cinema, separately?

(19)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether there is a classification of cinemas located all around the country;
 - (ii) if so, in what manner;
 - (iii) who regulate/s these cinemas;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that there are cinemas that are run with poor functioning under low facilities;
 - (v) if so, whether he will formulate a proper methodology for the operation of cinemas in an orderly manner; and
 - (vi) if so, in what way?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

1776/17

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment,—(2)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) of the number of trained and untrained Sri Lankans employed abroad as at 31.03.2017 on the basis of their country of employment, gender and on the classification of professions separately; and
 - (ii) the number of those trained and untrained employees in relation to each district and ethnicities such as Sinhala, Tamil, Muslim and others separately?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

1780/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of hospitals, central dispensaries and ayurveda hospitals in the Puttalam district operating under the North Western Provincial Council;
 - (ii) the names of the places where they are situated;
 - (iii) separately, the total number of employees employed in each of the aforesaid health centres;
 - (iv) whether there are vacancies in the said Health Centres;
 - (v) if so, details of such vacancies; and
 - (vi) the steps to be taken to upgrade the said Health Centres and fill their vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

1798/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(2)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of incidents that are categorized as crimes in Sri Lanka generally on an annual basis;
 - (ii) of the percentage of suspects convicted through court procedures in criminal cases;
 - (iii) whether this percentage is comparatively higher than the conviction rates of the other countries in Asia; and
 - (iv) if so, of the steps proposed by the government in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

1865/17

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) what garbage hills have been formed by the disposal of waste by local authorities in addition to the one in Meethotamulla;
 - (ii) what local authorities they belong to;
 - (iii) what extents of garbage exist in these garbage hills in present; and
 - (iv) whether there are hills which are in risky status among them by now?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether these will be left to grow by dumping waste further;
 - (ii) if not, whether any course of action has been initiated under the Ministry of Provincial Council and Local Government for it;
 - (iii) whether there is a move to obtain local and foreign investments for this;
 - (iv) if so what they are; and
 - (v) if a course of action has been commenced by now, what its progress is?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

1949/17

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

- (a) Will he admit the fact that an injustice has been caused to the people living in the upcountry owing to the abolition of the Upcountry Peasantry Rehabilitation Department established to develop the upcountry region, by the previous government?

(21)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the development benefits accrued to the upcountry region by the Upcountry Development Authority;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated to that Authority;
 - (iii) the functions performed and the projects implemented by that Authority;
 - (iv) the people held the post of Chairman and held institutional responsibilities of the Upcountry Development Authority;
 - (v) the jobs and the number of jobs given to the people of the poor villages in the upcountry region by the Upcountry Development Authority; and
 - (vi) the number and the names of projects initiated by the Upcountry Development Authority to enhance the quality of life of the people in poor villages?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether it is intended to recommence the Upcountry Peasantry Rehabilitation Department; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

2457/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the access roads to the villages of Elikimbulawala, Thimbiriaththawala and Mawathawewa belonging to the Horoupathana Divisional Secretariat Division are in an extremely dilapidated condition;
 - (ii) the villagers constantly request that the said roads be immediately reconstructed?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reasons for not reconstructing these roads; and
 - (ii) of the date on which these roads would be reconstructed?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

2677/17

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon,—To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the 2018 budget proposal to fully open the shipping industry to foreign companies is agreed to by;
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to stop this opening as informed in a letter by the Ceylon Association of Ships Agencies to the responsible officials of the government;
 - (iii) of the measures taken to prevent a monopoly of shipping companies coming into effect?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, February 07, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1332/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,— (3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there was an institution called “Lanka Transformers” under the purview of the Ceylon Electricity Board;
 - (ii) whether its name has been changed;
 - (iii) if so, name of it at present;
 - (iv) as to how the shares of LTL Holdings (pvt) Ltd have been distributed;
 - (v) as to who administers the shares of the shareholders of ESOT (Trust)
 - (vi) whether a document containing the names of its shareholders and the number of shares held by them is submitted; and
 - (vii) after its establishment, the period within which they were informed of their shares and that they were shareholders as per the Employee Trust Agreements?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the founder shareholders of ESOT Company and the amount of shares held by them;
 - (ii) whether there are employees of Ceylon Electricity Board amongst its shareholders; and
 - (iii) if so, whether he acknowledges that there is a conflict of interest?

(23)

- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that dividends amounting to Rs. 232 million had not been paid to the Ceylon Electricity Board by LTL Holdings (Pvt) Ltd as mentioned in the COPE report; and
 - (ii) as to the action taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

1619/17

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) it is admitted that there is a issue when providing title deeds for plots of land for commercial purposes within rapidly developing Embilipitiya town in Ratnapura district; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures taken to provide title deeds properly?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) that he is aware businessmen do not construct buildings in their business premises since a Buddhist temple claims right for the lands of this city;
 - (ii) the actual right pertaining to these lands by the temple; and
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to grant the ownership of the relevant business premises in this city to the businessmen who had possessed them for many years and facilities will be provided to the business community to engage in their business activities?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1651/17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the total number of officers employed in Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service by now ;
 - (ii) Separately of the names, designations and places of work of aforesaid officers ;
 - (iii) of the number of vacancies exist in Education Administration Service to date and of the places of work where the vacancies exist;
 - (iv) whether Ministry has held competitive examinations to fill aforesaid vacancies;
 - (v) if so, of the names and addresses of the individuals who got through aforesaid competitive examination ;
 - (vi) of the measures taken to grant appointments to aforesaid individuals?
- (b) If not why ?

4.

1729/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there is a programme to grant full or semi scholarships through the President's Fund to Sri Lankans for local or foreign academic purposes;
 - (ii) if so, the basis and the methodology for the selection of suitable persons for scholarships as per the said programme;
 - (iii) whether there is a system to award scholarships for students securing the highest marks at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination;
 - (iv) whether there is a system to award scholarships to graduates for postgraduate studies;
 - (v) whether there is a system to award local or foreign scholarships except in (iii) and (iv) above;
 - (vi) if so, what that system is;
 - (vii) separately the names of persons who received scholarships outside the systems indicated in (iii) and (iv) above, the amount of money, institution and if a foreign country the name of same in respect of each year from the year 2005 to year 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

1735/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money drawn from the foreign reserves of the country annually for the education of Sri Lankan students in foreign universities;
 - (ii) the amount of money drawn from the reserves of Sri Lanka for persons who make personal tours in foreign countries; and
 - (iii) the amount of foreign exchange which is not received, out of the amount of foreign exchange that is due to Sri Lanka for the goods exported or services provided by it?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1755/17

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the practice of permitting the people who do not possess dry lands to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields long time;
 - (ii) whether he admits that the opportunity that had been granted to people who do not possess dry lands to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields to build a house, has been denied to them; and
 - (iii) this has resulted in a large number of people in various parts of the country who do not possess dry lands becoming helpless?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of people who have forwarded applications to the Department of Agrarian Services seeking permission to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields, by now;
 - (ii) whether those people would be allowed to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields very soon; and
 - (iii) if so, from when?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

1788/17

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of Tamil medium Muslim schools in the Mannar District in the Northern Province that were functioning under the line ministry and the provincial council on or around 31.12.1990;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid schools and the locations where they were situated;
 - (iii) the names of the education zones and the divisional secretariat divisions to which the aforesaid schools belong; and
 - (iv) whether the numbers and the dates of the Gazette Notifications by which each of those schools were declared as government schools will be tabled?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1866/17

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of urban housing projects in the Colombo District scheduled to be initiated within the next three years;
 - (ii) of the number of housing units expected to be constructed in these projects;
 - (iii) whether specific lands have been identified for these housing projects; and
 - (iv) if so, what those lands are?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the total amount of money expected to be spent for these projects;
 - (ii) what the private sector investments are, if there are any in this regard;
 - (iii) how many houses were constructed by the government and private investments separately;
 - (iv) of the dates on which the projects are expected to be concluded;
 - (v) of the total value of a house in these housing projects; and
 - (vi) of the course of action for granting the houses to people?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, February 08, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1334/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (3)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether necessary action has been taken to educate people about the decision taken by local authorities not to collect unclassified garbage;
 - (ii) if so, the manner in which it was done;
 - (iii) whether people have been given the facilities which are required for collecting garbage after it is classified;
 - (iv) if so, the manner it has been done; and
 - (v) whether local authorities have been provided with the facilities required for collecting classified garbage?

(27)

- (b) Will he also state —
 - (i) the action has been taken against the persons who dispose garbage without classifying it;
 - (ii) whether the classified garbage is recycled;
 - (iii) if so, the place in which it is done;
 - (iv) the amount of money invested for it; and
 - (v) the purposes for which the recycled garbage can be used?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1417/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he would submit a list of names of the foreigners who obtained the tax concession as per the Budget Proposal No. 199 of 2016 which proposed to lift the taxes that had been imposed on leasing lands to foreigners; and
 - (ii) whether he would submit a list of names of the foreigners who obtained lands exceeding one acre in extent on lease after 1977 and a list indicating the lease paid annually by each of the aforesaid lessees?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Bill required to amend the Land (Restrictions on Alienation) Act in line with the said proposal has been drafted; and
 - (ii) if so, of the key amendments expected to be introduced to the said Land Act?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1623/17

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the profit earned or the loss incurred by the Sevenagala sugar factory during last 10 years, separately each year;
 - (ii) of the number of permanent and casual staff employed in this factory separately; and
 - (iii) the measures taken in the last few years to increase the production of this factory?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) it is admitted that a qualified and proper management is required to achieve a higher production from this factory; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures expected to be taken in the future?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

1653/17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of schools which have technical laboratory facilities out of the schools in the Badulla District of the Uva Province;
 - (ii) of the names of those schools; and
 - (iii) of the steps taken by the Ministry to improve technical knowledge of students in the Badulla District?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

1789/17

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of Tamil Medium Muslim Schools in the Mullaitivu District in the Northern Province that were functioning under the line Ministry and the provincial council on or around 31.12.1990;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid schools and the locations where they were situated;
 - (iii) the names of the education zones and the Divisional Secretariat Divisions to which the aforesaid schools belong to; and
 - (iv) whether the numbers and the dates of the Gazette Notifications by which each of those schools were declared as government schools will be tabled?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1816/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) that he admits a SATHOSA branch was declared open at Kohuwala town in April 2017 and the Minister himself attended the opening;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that all the receipts issued by the branch are printed in English only;
 - (iii) whether he admits a British national with an Indian origin has been enrolled as a consultant for computer activities of this branch; and
 - (iv) the reason for enrolling a foreign national when there are adequate number of Sri Lankans who have the expertise ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, whether measures will be taken to print the receipts printed only in English, in all three languages and to enroll Sri Lankans for computer activities?
- (c) If not, why ?

7.

1864/17

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a water cut of 02 hours per day has been in operation in Kolonnawa Urban Council limits for a long time; and
 - (ii) at the same time, the pressure of pipe-borne water remains very low for most part of the day?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for such water cuts and drop in water pressure;
 - (ii) what alternative solutions it has at present;
 - (iii) whether any course of action has been formulated to implement those solutions; and
 - (iv) what the specific dates are for giving solutions to problems referred to in (i) above?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

1870/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of foreign visits the President has made from 01.01.2016 to 30.04.2017;
 - (ii) the names of the countries visited;
 - (iii) the expenditure borne for each visit, separately;
 - (iv) the total number that accompanied the President for each visit including the Ministers, Members of Parliament and officials, separately; and
 - (v) the positions held by the other individuals who participated in the visits with the President?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

2068/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) people have been resettled in Iraneyyalai and Annandapuram areas in the Puthukuduirippu divisional secretariat division in the Mullativu district;
 - (ii) those people have found a lot of explosives in clearing the lands in those areas and that they have informed the relevant authorities of it;
 - (iii) notices have been put up to inform the people that explosives are found in the area?

(30)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether arrangements have been made for remove explosives from that area;
 - (ii) if so, the time, the total removal of such explosives will take?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

2129/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of lecturers serving in each government medical faculty separately as at 30.06.2017;
 - (ii) of the number of students expected to be enrolled to medical faculties when increasing the student intake to universities up to 50,000 according to the budget proposals;
 - (iii) of the plans that the government have to increase the number of lecturers to cater the increasing number of students?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

2147/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total number of government hospitals in the Puttalam district including the Ayurvedic hospitals;
 - (ii) of their locations;
 - (iii) the steps the Ministry intends to take to minimize the dearth of physical and human resources in those hospitals?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

2176/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of the landslide occurred at Aranayake in the Kegalle district in the year 2016—
 - (i) the number of persons killed;
 - (ii) the number of persons who became disabled;
 - (iii) the total amount of compensation paid by the government to affected persons;

(31)

- (iv) the amount of compensation paid by the government on behalf of a deceased person;
- (v) the maximum and minimum compensation paid to damaged houses;
- (vi) whether permanent houses have been provided to all displaced persons; and
- (vii) the nearest date on which a permanent house was granted to a displaced family?

(b) If not, why?

13.

2190/17

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the import tax per litre of diesel charged by the government in importing diesel;
- (ii) whether the government charges any taxes other than the import tax per litre of diesel;
- (iii) if so, what those taxes are;
- (iv) of the amount charged as taxes per litre, as per each type of tax?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the total amount of taxes charged on diesel as a percentage of the price of a litre of diesel;
- (ii) the retail price at which diesel could be provided to the customer if all taxes charged by the government on diesel were lifted?

(c) Will he admit that—

- (i) imposition of various taxes on diesel by the government has caused increase of prices of goods and services;
- (ii) it is possible to bring down the prices of goods and services if the all the taxes imposed on diesel by the government are lifted?

(d) If not, why?

14.

2199/17

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that there has been a collapse of education of children of workers living in plantations though there has been a development in education of rural schools;
- (ii) the measures taken during the previous regime from 2010 to 2014 for the upliftment of education of schools in the plantation sector;

(32)

- (iii) the amount of money spent on that;
- (iv) the number of teachers recruited during that period for that purpose;
- (v) separately, in respect of the Kandy, Nuwaraeliya, Badulla and Ratnapura districts, the amount of money spent of plantation schools by the government and the number of teachers recruited from January 2015 to date?

(b) If not, why?

15.

2459/17

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) a large number of families live in the area behind the Urban Council building which is located at the border of the Kekirawa town of Anuradhapura District;
- (ii) these people are living in this location in shanties and houses built without proper standards?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether steps will be taken to put in order this area which is located at the border of the town and is very important in the development of the town;
- (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

Friday, February 09, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

840/16

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) most of the cafes situated at locations where long-distance busses stop for rest are in very unhygienic conditions;
- (ii) proper toilet facilities are not available at such locations;
- (iii) substandard food and beverages are sold at very high prices in those cafes; and
- (iv) the conditions stated in (i) and (ii) above have an adverse effects on the health of the bus passengers.

(33)

- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the methodology that is in place for monitoring the aforesaid cafes;
 - (ii) whether he admits that the aforesaid methodology should be revised; and
 - (iii) if so, of the manner in which such revision will be made?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1248/16

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

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

3.

1655/17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether oil tanks belonging to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation are located at the Trincomalee harbor;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of such oil tanks;
 - (iii) whether oil tanks belonging to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation have been leased out;
 - (iv) if so, of the names of the institutions and countries to which the abovementioned tanks have been leased; and
 - (v) whether information on the income earned by the Corporation by leasing the aforementioned oil tanks after the good governance government came to power will be submitted separately on per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1790/'17

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of Tamil medium Muslim schools in the Vavuniya District in the Northern Province that were functioning under the line ministry and the provincial council on or around 31.12.1990;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid schools and the locations where they were situated;
 - (iii) the names of the Education Zones and the Divisional Secretariat Divisions to which the aforesaid schools belong to; and
 - (iv) whether the numbers and the dates of the Gazette Notifications by which each of those schools were declared as government schools will be tabled?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

2000/'17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the addresses of ministerial offices of the Minister of Higher Education and Highways;
 - (ii) if rent or lease is paid for the said offices, the monthly rental/lease; and
 - (iii) the total rent/lease paid from the year 2015 up to now in 2017?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately in respect of each Ministry—
 - (i) the number of officials in the personal staff of the Minister;
 - (ii) the number of vehicles allocated for the said personal staff; and
 - (iii) the number of vehicles allocated to the Minister?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

2008/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the insurance payment promised to the families affected by the floods and landslides that occurred in 2017, has been received by those families;

- (ii) whether he admits that no household in the areas of Kolonnawa, Angoda, Wellampitiya, Sedawaththa, Kelanimulla, Peliyagoda, Kaduwela and Pahala Bomiriya that were affected by the said flood has received any such payment of insurance, even though the Prime Minister stated in Parliament that a maximum of Rs.25 lakhs could be obtained as insurance for a house damaged during the floods in 2016;
 - (iii) of the date by which steps would be taken to pay insurance or any other compensation after valuation of the damaged houses of the victims in 2016 and 2017;
 - (iv) of the number of families who received compensation, if any compensation has been paid for damaged houses by now; and
 - (v) of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions where such insurance has been paid?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

2011/17

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) houses were provided from “Laksanda Sevana” apartment complex in Salamulla on 01.12.2014 for 160 families that lost their houses as a result of expanding the garbage dump at Meethotamulla in 2012; and
 - (ii) they were promised the provision of freehold title deeds by the Urban Development Authority within two months from the provision of those houses;
 - (iii) those residents have not been provided the title deeds up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the reasons for not providing the freehold title deeds; and
 - (ii) the exact date by which freehold title deeds for these houses could be provided by resolving any problems that prevail, if there are any?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

2110/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) 150 families displaced due to the previous war situation have been living in Punthottam Welfare Camp in Vavuniya for 25 years; and
 - (ii) construction of Houses for these families is done in two areas as 68 houses in Sinna Adampan, Nedunkerni and 82 houses in Puliyankulama by Lyca Gnanam Charity while it has been informed by the District Secretariat of Vavuniya that these 150 families would be resettled in Sinna Adampan, Nedunkerni?

(36)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the said people have been resettled in the said 150 houses; and
 - (ii) if so, since when?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

2130/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of doctors required to provide a optimum service to the public;
 - (ii) of the number of doctors in the government service as at 30.06.2017;
 - (iii) of the number of doctors to be recruited to the government service in the upcoming years to achieve the target; and
 - (iv) of the government's plan to achieve that target?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

2149/17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a large number of people within the Puttalam District have faced with intense suffering due to scarcity of clean water to drink;
 - (ii) which villages and the Divisional Secretariat Divisions within the District do not have clean water to drink;
 - (iii) of the names of the water projects that have been implemented so far within the District and the number of families benefiting from each project, separately; and
 - (iv) what steps will be taken by the Ministry in future in order to address the drinking water crisis in the Puttalam District?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

2177/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of the deluge caused by flooding and rain water in the Colombo District in May 2016—
 - (i) the number of persons killed;
 - (ii) the number of persons who became disabled;
 - (iii) the total amount of compensation paid on behalf of the government to affected persons;

(37)

- (iv) the amount of compensation paid on behalf of the government to a deceased person;
- (v) the maximum and minimum compensation paid to damaged houses;
- (vi) whether permanent housing has been paid to all displaced persons; and
- (vii) the nearest date on which a permanent house was granted to a displaced family?

(b) If not, why?

12.

2191/17

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the import tax per litre of kerosene oil charged by the government in importing kerosene oil;
- (ii) whether the government charges any taxes other than the import tax per litre of kerosene oil;
- (iii) if so, what those taxes are; and
- (iv) the amount charged as taxes per litre, as per each type of tax?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the total amount of taxes charged on a litre of kerosene oil as a percentage of the price of a litre of kerosene oil; and
- (ii) of the retail price at which kerosene oil could be provided to the public if all taxes charged by the government on kerosene oil were lifted?

(c) If not, why?

13.

2200/17

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that nearly 08 lakhs of Tamil labourers residing in the estates have been living in 10x12 feet line rooms up to now;
- (ii) of the number of houses that had been built by 31.12.2014 under the programme commenced by the previous government to provide housing for them;
- (iii) of the estates and the districts where the houses mentioned in (ii) above have been built;
- (iv) of the provisions allocated for this project in 2015, 2016 and 2017;
- (v) of the number of houses constructed in 2015, 2016 and 2017 separately, as per each year and district;
- (vi) of the number of houses provided to the people in the estate sector by the former governments;

- (vii) the time required to fully address this housing problem; and
 - (viii) whether information on that arrangement will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

2219/17

Hon. S. Shriritharan,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House Separately by Department of Sri Lanka Railways from year 2012 to 2016—
- (i) of the total income earned; and
 - (ii) of the income earned from Northern and Eastern provinces?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) Separately, of the number of main and sub railway stations situated in Northern and Eastern provinces;
 - (ii) of the number of main and sub railway stations situated between Kankasanthurei to Vavunia of Northern province;
 - (iii) of the number of main and sub railway stations situated between Medawachchiya to Thaleimannar; and
 - (iv) separately, of the number of employees who work in Sinhala and Tamil media out of the Station Masters and the employees who are serving in the Railway Stations of Northern and Eastern provinces?
- (b) Will he further inform this House—
- (i) of the destinations to which trains with first class sleeperettes, operate; and
 - (ii) of the reason for not having first class sleeperettes in Jaffna bound trains?
- (c) If not why ?

15.

2460/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) about 100 acres of paddy land from the areas of Dhathusenapura, Kalawewa, Maha Akkaraya Watta and Kelaniwatta have been leased to a plantation company from Kurunegala; and
 - (ii) the Divisional Secretary of Ipalogama has informed the Ministry of Lands that the said lands must be freed from the aforementioned plantation company and handed over to the tenant farmers, giving them freehold ownership of these lands since the tenant farmers have been engaging in cultivation activities on these lands for a long period of time?

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to grant freehold ownership of the said lands to the tenant farmers who have been cultivating them; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

P.11/15

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

2.

P.12/15

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

3.

P. 13/15

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

4.

P. 14/15

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

5.

P. 15/15

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

6.

P.16/15

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

7.

P.17/15

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

8.

P.18/15

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

9.

P.19/15

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

10.

P.21/15

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

11.

P.22/15

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

12.

P.23/15

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

13.

P.24/15

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

14.

P.25/15

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

15.

P.26/15

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

16.

P.27/15

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

17.

P.28/15

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

18.

P.29/'15

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

19.

P.30/'15

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

20.

P.31/'15

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.

21.

P.32/'15

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

22.

P.33/'15

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

23.

P.34/'15

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

24.

P.35/'15

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

25.

P.36/'15

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

26.

P.37/'15

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

27.

P.38/'15

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

28.

P.39/'15

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

29.

P.40/'15

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

30.

P.41/'15

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

31.

P.42/'15

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

32.

P.43/'15

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

33.

P.44/'15

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

34.

P.45/'15

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

35.

P.46/'15

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

36.

P.47/'15

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

37.

P.48/'15

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

38.

P.49/'15

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

39.

P.50/'15

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

40.

P.51/'15

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

41.

P.52/'15

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

42.

P.53/'15

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

43.

P.54/'15

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

44.

P.55/'15

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

45.

P.56/'15

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

46.

P.57/'15

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

47.

P.58/'15

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

48.

P.59/'15

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

49.

P.60/'15

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

50.

P.61/'15

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

51.

P.62/'15

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

52.

P.63/'15

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

53.

P.64/'15

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

54.

P.65/'15

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

55.

P.66/'15

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

56.

P.67/15

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

57.

P.68/15

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

58.

P.69/15

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

59.

P.70/15

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

60.

P.71/15

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

61.

P.72/15

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

62.

P.73/15

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

63.

P.74/15

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

64.

P.76/15

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

65.

P.77/15

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

66.

P.78/15

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

67.

P.79/15

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

68.

P.80/'15

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

69.

P.81/'15

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

70.

P.82/'15

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

71.

P.83/'15

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

72.

P.84/'15

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

73.

P.85/'15

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

74.

P.86/'15

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

75.

P.87/'15

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

76.

P.88/'15

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

77.

P.89/'15

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

78.

P.90/'15

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

79.

P.91/'15

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

80.

P.92/'15

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

81.

P.93/'15

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

82.

P.94/'15

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

83.

P.95/'15

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

84.

P.96/'15

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

85.

P. 97/'15

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

86.

P. 98/15

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

87.

P. 99/15

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

88.

P. 100/15

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

89.

P. 101/15

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

90.

P. 102/15

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

91.

P. 103/15

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

92.

P. 104/'15

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

93.

P. 105/'15

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

94.

P. 106/'15

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

95.

P. 107/'15

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

96.

P.108/'15

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

97.

P. 109/'15

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

98.

P. 110/'15

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

99.

P.111/'15

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

100.

P.112/'15

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

101.

P.113/'15

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

102.

P.114/'15

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

103.

P.115/'15

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

104.

P.116/'15

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

105.

P.117/'15

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

106.

P.118/'15

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

107.

P.119/'15

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

108.

P.120/'15

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

109.

P.121/'15

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

110.

P.122/'15

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

111.

P.123/'15

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

112.

P.124/'15

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

113.

P.125/'15

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

114.

P.126/'15

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

115.

P.127/'15

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

116.

P.128/'15

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

117.

P.129/'15

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

118.

P.130/'15

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

119.

P.131/'15

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

120.

P.132/'15

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

121.

P. 133/'15

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

122.

P.134/'15

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

123.

P.135/'15

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

124.

P.136/'15

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

125.

P.137/'15

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

126.

P.138/'15

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

127.

P.139/'15

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

128.

P.140/'15

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

129.

P.157/'15

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

130.

P.158/'15

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

131.

P.159/'15

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

132.

P.160/'15

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

133.

P.184/'16

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

134.

P. 185/'16

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

135.

P.191/'17

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

136.

P.193/'17

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

137.

P.194/'17

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

138.

P.199/'17

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

139.

P.200/'17

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

140.

P.201/17

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

141.

P.202 /17

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

142.

P.203/17

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

143.

P.204/'17

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

144.

P. 205/' 17

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

145.

P. 206/' 17

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

146.

P.207/' 17

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

147.

P.210/' 17

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

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

857/' 16

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) lands in areas in which the Phases I and II of the Nilwala Scheme were implemented were acquired for the Project concerned;
- (ii) following such acquisition, folios have not been prepared under the stipulated methodology; and
- (iii) as a result, lands belonging to the Project are being occupied by other parties?

(66)

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the extents of dry and paddy lands acquired for the Nilwala Scheme separately;
 - (ii) the extent for which folios have been prepared formally;
 - (iii) whether he will have a fresh survey conducted regarding the lands belonging to the Nilwala Scheme; and
 - (iv) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) Will he inform the House—
- (i) whether any complaints have been received regarding misuse of lands;
 - (ii) if so, how many such complaints have been received; and
 - (iii) what measures were taken with regard to those complaints?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

1249/16

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

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

3.

1427/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the market of lubricants was liberalized in the year 2016 as per the proposal No. 203 of the 2016 budget ;
 - (ii) accordingly ,the names of the new suppliers who entered the market of lubricants ;

(67)

- (iii) the net profit reported by each lubricant supplier company in Sri Lanka to the Department of Inland Revenue in each year during the period from the year 2009 up to 2016, separately;
 - (iv) the strategic measures taken by the government from then up to now to break the monopoly of the lubricant market owned by Ceylon Petroleum Corporation; and
 - (v) the amount of lubricants sold by the Indian Oil Company along with the annual profit earned by selling only that item in each year during the period from the year 2003 up to now, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1659/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately the number of Aurveda hospitals and Ayurveda medical centre which are run under the Uva Provincial Council;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforementioned hospitals and medical centre;
 - (iii) separately the number of employees working in the aforementioned hospitals and medical centre at present;
 - (iv) of the number of jobs given to people at Ayurveda hospitals and medical centre in the Province after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province was appointed to the post of Chief Minister; and
 - (v) of the names, addresses and designations of persons who were given jobs in the above manner?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

1791/17

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Tamil medium Muslim schools that were functioning in the district of Jaffna, in the Northern province under the line ministry and provincial councils on or around 31.12.1990 ;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid schools and the locations of the schools;
 - (iii) of the education zones and the Divisional Secretariat Divisions covered by these schools; and
 - (iv) whether the number of Gazette Notifications through which each of the aforesaid schools were declared as government schools will be tabled with their relevant dates?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

2001/'17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the addresses of ministerial offices of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media;
 - (ii) if rent or lease is paid for the said offices, the monthly rental/lease; and
 - (iii) the total rent/lease paid from the year 2015 up to now in 2017?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately in respect of each Ministry—
 - (i) the number of officials in the personal staff of the Minister;
 - (ii) the number of vehicles allocated for the said personal staff; and
 - (iii) the number of vehicles allocated to the Minister?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

2009/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that impoverished people who wander about without a place to live and sleep rough have to face very tragic situations during days with rain storms; and
 - (ii) whether he will take steps to construct temporary wayside shelters or “Ambalam” for such helpless poor people in Colombo and other main cities through the local government institutions?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

2111/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the total number of national schools in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) out of the above, of the schools to which permanent principals have been appointed;
 - (iii) of the number of national schools in which principals are employed in the acting capacity; and
 - (iv) of the date on which permanent principals will be appointed to national schools which do not have such principals at present;
- (b) If not, why?

9.

2131/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

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

10.

2150/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that paddy fields got ruined by the prolonged drought which had existed in the last cultivation season in the North Western Province;
 - (ii) if so, what extents of paddy fields have been ruined in each Divisional Secretariat Division, separately;
 - (iii) of the number of farmer families affected in this way; and
 - (iv) if any compensation has been paid to such farmer families, what its details are?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

2178/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in regard to the explosion of the armory of the Army in Salawa, Kosgama in the year 2016—
 - (i) the number of persons who lost their lives;
 - (ii) the number of persons who became disabled;
 - (iii) the total amount of compensation paid by the government to the persons who were affected by the explosion;
 - (iv) the amount of compensation paid by the government on behalf of a person who lost his life;
 - (v) the maximum and minimum amount of compensation paid for the houses that were affected by the explosion;
 - (vi) whether permanent houses will be provided to all those who were displaced; and
 - (vii) the nearest date on which a permanent house was provided to a family that was displaced?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

2201/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) it is admitted that a programme was implemented by the previous government to acquire estate hospitals to the government, in order to uplift the health of nearly 800 thousand people living in the estates;
 - (ii) of the number of estate hospitals acquired by the end of year 2014, under the programme, their names and the time period;
 - (iii) it is admitted that the project has now come to a standstill;
 - (iv) whether the amount spent by the Ministry is presented annually; and
 - (v) whether measures will be taken to restart the project again, since it was pivotal in uplifting the health of the people living in estates ?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

2224/'17

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) a ferry landing site comprised of five 'Waadiyas' of Vidaththalathiv fisher village was operational at Manthei West divisional secretariat area in Mannar district from 1970 to 2006;
 - (ii) Sri Lanka Army had a transit camp in the area from 2006 to date, where the ferry landing site was situated;
 - (iii) the fishermen are facing immense difficulties due to not having a proper place to engage in their day-to-day activities as the area where the ferry landing site was situated is controlled by the army;
 - (iv) the livelihoods of the fishermen have been threatened and the income levels have dropped due to the unavailability of a ferry landing site which enables to build 'Waadiyas' in order to sell fish and for export activities; and
 - (v) i have forwarded a request in writing on 21.07.2017 on handing over this ferry landing site for the use of fishermen?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether measures will be taken to handover the relevant ferry landing site for the use of fishermen as soon as possible?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

2227/'17

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

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

15.

2282/'17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) whether the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol is an institution which is under the purview of the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine;
 - (ii) whether the statement made by the Minister of Finance in Parliament on 22nd June, 2017 to the effect that 61% of the persons who use alcohol in Sri Lanka consume Kasippu (illicit liquor) is true;
 - (iii) if so, the causes of it; and
 - (iv) if it is not so, the steps taken by National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol against the aforesaid statement?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

885/'16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Sri Lankan School children suffer from various nutritional deficiencies;
 - (ii) the contributory factors for this situation are the failure to obtain food on time and the absence of nutrients in the food consumed; and
 - (iii) there is a tendency for the school children to contract various diseases owing to this situation?

(72)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken by the government to increase the nutritional level of the school children; and
 - (ii) if so, what those measures are?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to provide a nutritious meal to the school children; and
 - (ii) if so, from which date it will be?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1250/16

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

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

3.

1428/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

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

4.

1660/17

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

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

5.

1796/17

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) of the names and addresses of Registrars of Muslim Marriages who were serving under the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act in the district of Mannar, in the Northern province on or around 31.12.1990;
 - (ii) separately of the Grama Niladari Divisions and the Divisional Secretariat Divisions covered by the aforesaid divisions of Registrars of Marriages; and
 - (iii) whether the numbers of Gazette Notifications through which the aforesaid registrar divisions were declared and their dates will be tabled?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

2002/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the addresses of ministerial offices of the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development;
 - (ii) if rent or lease is paid for the said offices, the monthly rental/lease; and
 - (iii) the total rent/lease paid from the year 2015 up to now in 2017?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately in respect of each Ministry—
 - (i) the number of officials in the personal staff of the Minister;
 - (ii) the number of vehicles allocated for the said personal staff; and
 - (iii) the number of vehicles allocated to the Minister?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

2010/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

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

8.

2114/'17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the villages of Olumadu, Mannakandal and Karipattamurippu of the Oddisuttan Divisional Secretariat Division belonging to the Mullaitivu District are populated by people who were resettled in the said villages; and
 - (ii) from the time that these people were resettled in the above area, they have been facing the threat of wild elephants putting the lives of a large number of people at risk and causing the destruction of cultivations which are their livelihoods?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to protect these people from the threat of wild elephants; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

2132/'17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of each district separately—
 - (i) the number of students who sat for the GCE (A/L) examination in the biology stream in 2015 from Kalutara, Colombo and Gampaha districts;
 - (ii) the number and the percentage of the students who were qualified for university entrance;
 - (iii) the number and the percentage of the students qualified for medical faculties; and
 - (iv) the minimum result of the students who were qualified for the medical faculty, Z score, the school in which each student studied and the medical faculty to which they got selected?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

2151/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the production of maize in Sri Lanka from 2016 up to date in relation to each year, separately;
 - (ii) the local maize need from 2010 up to date;
 - (iii) if maize was imported to this country during that period, details of such imports; and
 - (iv) the steps the ministry intends to take to maintain the price of maize at a stable level?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

2179/'17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house in regard to the floods caused by the river water and rain water in the wet zone in the year 2017—
 - (i) the number of persons who lost their lives;
 - (ii) the number of persons who became disabled;
 - (iii) the total amount of compensation paid by the government to the persons who were affected by the floods;
 - (iv) the amount of compensation paid by the government on behalf of a person who lost his life;
 - (v) the maximum and minimum amount of compensation paid for the houses that were affected by the floods;
 - (vi) whether permanent houses will be provided to all those who were displaced; and
 - (vii) the nearest date on which a permanent house was provided to a family that was displaced?

(a) If not, why?

12.

2202/'17

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the project to expand and carpet the Kandy, Gampola-Dolosbage road belonging to the Road Development Authority was implemented from 2013;
 - (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that work was started from Kurunduwatta to Gampola as its first stage and 8 kilometres were completed by the end of 2014;
 - (iii) whether he admits that work of the remaining 4 kilometres from Gampola has stalled from January 2015; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to start work of the remaining 4 kilometres of this road as this is an essential road used by a large number of people?

(b) If not, why?

13.

2214/17

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

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

14.

2285/17

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

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

15.

2300/17

Hon. D.V. Chanaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

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

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

*1.

Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana,— Select Committee of Parliament to investigate and report on the suppression of escalating crimes in Sri Lanka and evading the delays in implementing law,—

Whereas it has turned out to be a prime necessity of the people of this country to suppress the escalating crimes in Sri Lanka and to evade the delays in implementing the law,

And whereas the Parliament is vested in the responsibility to draw its concern and interest in that regard and remedy the situation,

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed, to look into the following matters and make suitable recommendations:—

- (a) on the nature of the crimes that took place in recent times, the reasons that were led for the occurrence of such crimes, the measures that should be taken to minimize the criminal acts and necessary legal provisions and/or amendments;
 - (b) on the appropriate procedures that should be adopted in evading the delays with regard to civil and criminal matters and on the laws that should be newly introduced and /or amended; and
 - (c) on any other matters incidental thereto and the Committee deems appropriate and necessary in the circumstances and which will have a bearing on the matter under consideration by the Committee.
2. (a) The Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker; and
- (b) The Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order No. 95 of the Parliament.

3. 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 present its report to Parliament within a period of six (06) months from the first meeting of the Committee or within such further period as Parliament may grant.

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2.

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Bandula Gunawardana
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
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Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Dilum Amunugama
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva

Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmalee Kumarasingha
Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— Vote of No Confidence on the Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance,—

Whereas in terms of Article 148 of the Constitution, Parliament shall have full control over public finance;

And whereas the annual budget is the main instrument in the fiscal management;

And whereas it is the duty and the responsibility of the Minister of Finance to present the statistics relating to financial values of the budget, which is presented to this House as the Appropriation Bill, in a detailed, transparent, trustworthy and accurate manner;

And whereas Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance, has presented a budget for the year 2016 to this august assembly with misrepresentations which mislead the Parliament and the general public;

And whereas page 85 of the Annual Report of 2014 presented to this august assembly (on 20th April 2015) by the Hon. Minister in terms of the Section 13 of the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act, No. 3 of 2003 states thus “the total investment on the fields of general education, higher education and vocational education is Rs. 164 billion and it is an increase of 7 billion as against the Rs. 157 billion allocated in 2013”;

And whereas the government investment made on general education in 2014 was Rs. 117 billion and it is an increase of 8% as against the Rs. 108 billion allocated in 2013;

And whereas according to pages 218 and 219 of the budget estimates of 2016, in the Volume II, capital expenditure for general education has been increased by a very small amount of Rs.0.5 billion from Rs. 17.8 billion in 2015 to Rs. 18.3 billion in 2016;

And whereas recurrent expenditure for general education in year 2016 has been rocketed by an extraordinary 278% in comparison with the year 2015 by Rs. 123 billion from Rs. 44 billion to 167 billion in the year 2016 marking an unusual and astonishing change in the history of budget in Sri Lanka;

And whereas the main reason for this extraordinary and astonishing increase in recurrent expenditure is the entry of Rs. 121 billion i.e. Rs.121,352 million in the accounts as “Public investment maintenance cost – Land and buildings”, cost which has never been mentioned in any budget throughout the history of post independence in Sri Lanka;

And whereas although this is depicted as recurrent expenditure, it is not a sum of money that it intended for actual spending;

And whereas as a complete breach of the confidence of this House has occurred as a result the submission of inaccurate information and statistical data by way of falsely “inflating” the vote of the Ministry of Education through indicating an amount that exceeds Rs. 1210 crores as recurrent expenditure on education although such a sum is not going to be spent on education in year 2016;

That this Parliament resolves that it no longer has confidence in the capacity of the Minister of Finance to execute duties of the aforesaid office.

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Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Harin Fernando
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah,— Select Committee of Parliament to look into and report on issues pertaining to Uma Oya Multipurpose Development Project,—

Whereas Uma Oya on the eastern slope of the hill country is a major tributary of the Mahaweli Ganga;

And whereas during the planning stage of the Mahaweli Development Programme, proposals were also made for utilization of the Water Resources of the Uma Oya into Multipurpose Development Programme and diversion of its waters into the Kirindi Oya;

And whereas the proposals were kept in abeyance during 2007 and on the 27th of November 2007 a Memorandum of Understanding for the construction of the Uma Oya Multipurpose Development Project was signed by the then Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development of Sri Lanka and the Minister of Energy of Iran;

And whereas under this Memorandum of Understanding, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran (GIRI) had authorized Farab Company as the Contractor which has been acknowledged by both, the Government of Iran and the Government of Sri Lanka, to update the feasibility study available and carry out physical construction of the Project and also to execute appropriate arrangements with the Export Development Bank of Iran (EDBI) as the "Financer";

And whereas pursuant to this MoU, a contract agreement for the implementation of the Uma Oya Multipurpose Project was made between the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Management of Sri Lanka and Farab Energy & Water Projects of Iran on 28th April, 2008;

And whereas provisions have been made under the contract agreement;

- (a) to amend particular conditions as agreed upon by the parties during the execution of the contract;
- (b) to amend Technical Specifications/Employer's Requirements as agreed upon by the Parties during the execution of the Contract;
- (c) for a Cabinet Appointed Negotiation Committee (CANC) to negotiate the Price and Payment Methodology and to make recommendations to the Cabinet of Ministers for determination of the full contract Price of the Project and Payment Methodology.

And whereas an approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted on 18th December, 2008 to the following action recommended in the Cabinet Paper dated 08.12.2008;

- (i) To accept USD 514,059,198 as Contract Price and the Payment Methodology as recommended by the CANC after negotiation.
- (ii) To include a contingency amount of USD 15,000,000 as proposed to make the Total Value of the Contract USD 529,059,198.
- (iii) If there is a saving due to reduction if any, in the scope of work subsequent to the detailed feasibility study, such savings to be used for the following recommended in the Cabinet Paper.
 - (a) Downstream Development (Irrigation) Work
 - (b) Conservation of the upper catchment area
 - (c) Resettlement of people displaced due to the Project
 - (d) Environment Study
 - (e) Township Development

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- (iv) To sign an Addendum to the Contract by the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Management and Farab Company based on the above agreement reached between the Cabinet Appointed Negotiation Committee (CANC) and Farab Company.

And whereas accordingly, Addendum No. 1 to the Contract Agreement was signed on 22nd February, 2009 by the then Secretary to the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Management and Farab Company;

And whereas the Addendum No. 1 of the Contract Agreement made by the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed on 22nd February 2009, among other things, has revised the Project Cost to USD 529,059,198 which includes USD 15 million Physical Contingencies, making the Contract Value USD 514 million;

And whereas a team of experts consisting of staff from different agencies and disciplines was also in place to review the Environmental Impact Assessment Report;

- (a) Providing water to irrigate around 4500 hectares of new land and to around 1500 hectares of existing agricultural land in the Moneragala District.
- (b) Provision of 30 MCM of drinking and industrial water requirements in Moneragala and Hambantota Districts.
- (c) Generation and providing 231 GWh of electrical energy annually to the National Grid through an underground power station with an installed capacity of 120 MW.
- (d) Providing National Water Supply and Drainage Board drinking water requirement for Greater Bandarawela Water supply Scheme from Dyraaba reservoir, that of Attampitiya Water Supply Scheme from Puhulpola reservoir and that of Hambegamuwa area by Kuda Oya Reservoir.

And whereas as of date approximately 40 percent of the work has been completed;

And whereas thereafter in December 2014 lowering of the water level in domestic wells, drying up of natural springs and development of cracks on walls and floors of houses and on the ground were reported in Makul Ella Wheragalatenna, Uda Peruwa, Bambaragama and Heel Oya areas in Bandarawela Divisional Secretariat Divisions;

And whereas then in April 2017 the same effects were reported in Eranawila and Aththalapitiya GN Divisions and later in Thanthiriya GN area;

And whereas in the light of these developments, it has become necessary to re-assess the implementation and effect of this project with a view to determining whether;

- (a) A proper and comprehensive feasibility study was done prior to embarking on the Project.
- (b) A proper and realistic cost estimate was prepared for the Project.
- (c) Unrealistic cost overruns were encountered in the implementation of the project.

(d) A comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment was carried out.
and to determine –

- (a) The persons who were responsible for having the above mentioned Reports prepared.
- (b) Whether these person or persons were remiss in having the said reports prepared.
- (c) Whether any person or persons were guilty of any fraudulent or criminal activity in awarding the contract for the Uma Oya Multipurpose Development Project and if so who these persons were.
- (d) Whether any person or persons or institutions should be held responsible for the adverse effects of the project and if so who.
- (e) Whether any compensation is due to persons adversely affected by this project.
- (f) And to inquire and report on any other matter that Committee feels in relevant to their inquiries.

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed, to look into and report on above matters.

- 2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker;
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, of the Parliament 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 Six Months of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Bandula Gunawardana
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
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Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana,— Vote of No Confidence on the Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—

Whereas Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne has obstructed the opportunities of delivering Justice by not taking part in the investigations relating to grave allegation of fraud and corruption levelled against him of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption by the Hon. Members of Parliament and other parties;

And whereas a strong public opinion has built up that he is guilty of the said allegations owing to him avoiding such investigations instead of facing them in a bid to clear his image;

And whereas he has created a grave crisis in the field of Medical education in Sri Lanka by rising state power arbitrarily to surrender Sri Lankan Medical education to the business community driven by commercial interests;

And whereas he has misused public funds by making arrangements to maintain privately owned Neville Fernando Hospital using public funds by misleading the Cabinet of Ministers and the entire nation with his remarks that the said hospital was acquired by the government;

And whereas he has misused the powers of the Portfolio of Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine by not submitting the fact which should have been submitted to the court as the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine in the writ application No. CA/Writ 187/2016 taken up in the court of appeal and by making submissions favorable to SAITAM through the Attorney General;

And whereas he has created a severe crisis with regard to the standards of the Medical education of Sri Lanka by deliberately avoiding the gazetting of minimum standards in Medical education formulated by the Medical Council of Sri Lanka;

And whereas he has compromised the absolute right to life of people by failing to adopt prompt measures when Dengue reached epidemic proportions and refusing to admit Dengue Patients to the government hospitals;

And whereas Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne has caused a financial loss of Rs.986 million to the government of Sri Lanka at the time when tenders were called by the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation to purchase drugs required for breast cancer by making arrangements to purchase a brand of drug which had been rejected by oncologists and which had not completed the minimum number of years in use, from the recently registered Pharmaise Company (Pvt.) Limited belonging to Mr. Dilshard Ikaram Mohomad, a cousin of Mr. Rumi Mohomad whom Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne, the Minister in charge of the subject appointed as the working director of the said corporation;

That this Parliament resolves that it no longer has confidence in the Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne's competence to perform the functions as the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine as it has completely lost its trust in the Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne.

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Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa

Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura

Hon. Vijitha Berugoda

Hon. Dilum Amunugama

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Jayakody,— Vote of No Confidence on the Hon. Faiszer Musthapha, Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—

Whereas the Minister in charge of the subject of Local Government has caused a severe effect to democracy in Sri Lanka by failing to hold the local government election despite the Election Commission being engaged in making the necessary arrangements to hold the local government elections subsequent to authorizing of such Commission by the Minister in charge of the subject of Local Government to hold the said election in Sri Lanka;

That this Parliament resolves that it no longer has confidence in the Hon. Faiszer Musthapha's competence to perform the functions as the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government as it has completely lost its trust in him.

* *Indicates Government Business.*
