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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0081/10

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that in the 200 metres stretch of the Thorana junction to Water Supply Board road in the Wakamulla Grama Niladhari Division in the Angunukolapelessa Divisional Secretariat Division of the Hambantota District, which was constructed by laying concrete about one year ago, concrete has scaled off and it is in a dilapidated condition by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the financial provisions allocated for the development of the said road ;
 - (ii) whether recommendations of technical officers have been obtained to the effect that the work had been completed as per the standards in releasing money for construction;
 - (iii) from what other institutions recommendations were obtained in making payments for the construction of the said road?
- (c) Will he take action to conduct a proper inquiry in this respect and restore it?
- (d) If not, why?

0432/10

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the authority who calculates the inflation of a country;
 - (ii) the rate of inflation per year for the last 15 years in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) after provision for inflation in each year, the real value of money as at today of Rs. 1000 in 1995 (today's Purchasing Power of Rs. 1000 earned in 1995) ?

(2)

- (b) Will he state the names of the persons responsible for giving irresponsible guidance to the economy of the country?
- (c) Will he also state the inflation for the last 05 years in countries such as India, Pakistan, Maldives, Bhutan, Nepal, Singapore and Malaysia?
- (d) If not, why?

0535/'10

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Siyambalanduwa-Pottuwil-Akkaraipattu road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?
- (b) If this road is being developed, will he inform this House of—
 - (i) its length in Kilometers ;
 - (ii) the proposed date for the completion of its work ;
 - (iii) the amount of money estimated for this purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of this road ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of institutions that submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) the bids forwarded by the respective institutions ;
 - (iv) the institution for which the tender was awarded and the price of bid?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the total amount of estimated money for the construction of this road was obtained from local funds ;
 - (ii) if not, whether it was obtained through foreign aid ;
 - (iii) if foreign aid was obtained, the name of the donor country?
- (e) If not, why?

0791/'10

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of schools administered by the Mulatiyana Divisional Educational Office of the Mulatiyana Zonal Educational Office in the Matara District ?
 - (ii) the names, address and telephone umbers of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools that have been closed down or identified to be closed down out of those schools;
 - (iv) the names of those schools?

(3)

- (b) Will he state in this House —
- (i) whether there are schools in which there are excess teachers in this Division;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the subjects for which there is an excess of teachers;
 - (iv) the names of the schools in which there is a shortage of teachers;
 - (v) the subjects for which there is a shortage of teachers;
 - (vi) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to those schools in which there is a shortage of teachers; and
 - (vii) if so, the period of time taken for it ?
- (c) If not, why?

0834/'10

5.

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

- (a) Will he state separately the number of vacancies allocated in 2010 and 2011 in the first 50 schools that admit students to Grade Six based on the marks scored at the Grade 5 scholarship examination, for the students who had passed the scholarship examinations held in 2009 and 2010?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the number of vacancies allocated in 2011 for the students who had passed in 2010 has dropped in comparison to the number allocated out of Grade 6 for the students who had passed the examination in 2009, in all the said schools or in some of them ;
 - (ii) of the reasons for that, if there is such a drop ;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to allocate in 2011 at least the number of vacancies allocated in 2010, if there is a drop in the number of vacancies in Grade 6 ; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to maintain the number of vacancies allocated by the popular schools in the island for the students who pass the scholarship examination without a drop in future with a view to ensure the free education policy?
- (c) If not, why?

0904/'10

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether His Excellency the President appointed a commission, presided over by Supreme Court Judge Hon. (Mrs.) Shirani Thilakawardhana to investigate into the irregularities that are alleged to have been committed in purchasing arms, ammunition and other equipment for Sri Lanka Army, Navy and Air Force?
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the above mentioned commission was appointed;
 - (iii) of the names of the members of that commission;
 - (iv) of the date on which the report of that commission was handed over to His Excellency the President ?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the scope of that commission;
 - (ii) the period of time covered by it;
 - (iii) if irregularities have been identified in the report of that commission, what they are;
 - (iv) whether that report be tabled ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether persons who are responsible for the irregularities have been identified in that report;
 - (ii) if so, who they are;
 - (iii) the legal or disciplinary action that has been taken against them by now;
 - (iv) if such action is not taken, the reasons for that ?
- (d) If not, why?

0927/'10

7.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Transport,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the total estimated cost for the project on upgrading the railway tracks of the Sri Lanka Railways Department ;
 - (ii) out of this cost, the amount to be met locally ;
 - (iii) the amount to be met through foreign funds;
 - (iv) the sources of funding of the aforesaid project ;
 - (v) out of the total cost, the amount being received as loans ;
 - (vi) the names of countries granting loans, the relevant interest rates and the loan repayment periods ; and
 - (vii) the timeframe for the completion of the entire project?

(5)

- (b) Will he state the method of recruiting workers for the activities of the aforesaid project?
- (c) If not, why?

0968/10

8.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the progress of the Deduru Oya reservoir project at present ;
 - (ii) of the names of the areas to which water is provided under this scheme ;
 - (iii) whether a hydro power plant will be constructed under this scheme ; and
 - (iv) if so, its electricity generating capacity?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of small and medium scale tanks in the Yapahuwa electorate ; and
 - (ii) whether those tanks will be provided with water from the aforesaid scheme?
- (c) If not, why ?

0126/10

9.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,— (3)

- (a) Is he aware that Development Projects of the Coconut Development Board are carried out in the Hambantota district under 6 zones?
- (b) Is he satisfied that the needs of the Coconut cultivators are sufficiently met with the officials of these 6 zones having to cover 12 Divisional Secretariat divisions?
- (c) Is he aware that these officials can only be met on Wednesdays?
- (d) Is he aware that the aforesaid situation has impeded the proper implementation of the Coconut Development project in the Hambantota district?
- (e) Will he take steps to increase the approved number of 6 zones for the Hambantota district, to 10 in order to solve this problem?
- (f) If not, why?

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the construction of the Katunayake Expressway was started in year 2000 and cancelled later;
 - (ii) as to when the construction was stopped;
 - (iii) the cost incurred at the time it was stopped;
 - (iv) the original estimated cost to complete the Expressway; and
 - (v) the names of the contractors?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether this project is being restarted;
 - (ii) if so, as to when it was restarted and the date on which the construction is to be completed;
 - (iii) the cost to restart ;and
 - (iv) the names of the present contractors;
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the total cost of this Project including penalties that have been paid; and
 - (ii) the interest rates for the loan taken for this project?
- (d) If not, why?

0792/'10

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of schools administered by the Kamburupitiya Divisional Educational Office of the Mulatiyana Zonal Educational Office in the Matara District ?
 - (ii) the names, address and telephone numbers of those schools;
 - (iii) the names of schools that have been closed down or identified to be closed down out of those schools ;
 - (iv) the names of those schools?
- (b) Will he state in this House —
 - (i) whether there are schools in which there are excess teachers in this Division;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the names of the schools in which there is a shortage of teachers;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to those schools in which there is a shortage of teachers; and
 - (v) if so, the period of time taken for it ?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of “Adivasi” families identified to be settled in the Senanigala area;
 - (ii) the number of families that have already been settled there;
 - (iii) the number of persons belonging to these families;
 - (iv) the extent of land recommended to be allocated to each family ;
 - (v) the extent of land that has already been allocated or intended to be allocated to them by now?
- (b) Will he state whether there is an arrangement to prevent the allocation of the extent of land recommended to be allocated to the aboriginal families from senanigala area?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the amount to be met locally out of the total estimated cost for the new airport project at Mattala, Hambantota ;
 - (ii) the amount to be met through foreign funds ;
 - (iii) the sources of funding of the aforesaid project ;
 - (iv) out of the total cost the amount being received as loans;
 - (v) the names of countries granting loans, the relevant interest rates and the loan repayment periods ; and
 - (vi) the timeframe for the completion of the entire project?
- (b) Will he state the method of recruiting workers for the activities of the aforesaid project?
- (c) If not , why?

0969/10

14.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,— (1)

- (a) Will he state the areas to which water is supplied under the Moragahakanda reservoir project?
- (b) Will he admit that it had been planned to supply water to Yapahuwa and Galgamuwa areas under this scheme by channeling water from the aforesaid reservoir along Mee Oya via Dambulla?
- (c) Will he state whether some other way of supplying water to Yapahuwa and Galgamuwa areas will be submitted?
- (d) If not, why ?

1007/10

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of acting principals in the government school system ;
 - (ii) of the number of persons who belong the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service and qualified to serve as principals in the schools in which acting principals are serving;
 - (iii) of the number of principals who have Principal Grades and qualified to hold principal posts in the aforesaid schools in addition to the persons mentioned in (ii) above;
 - (iv) of the reasons for not appointing those principals to the aforesaid posts ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of “Isuru” Schools in the island ;
 - (ii) the number of “ Navodya” Schools in the island;
 - (iii) separately, the amount of money allocated for the aforesaid schools during the last five years ?

- (c) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately of the number of employees that have been recruited to the schools coming under the purview of the North Western Provincial Council on the basis of the posts, for which they have been recruited;
 - (ii) of the names of the schools for which employees have been recruited ;
 - (iii) of the methodology adopted for recruiting the aforesaid employees ?
- (d) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question (4th January 2011)[1].

*2.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question (4th January 2011)[1].

*3.

Elections (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

Census (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*5.

Food (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

The Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,— Regulations under the Paddy Marketing Board Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade under Section 62 read with Section 10 and paragraph (6) of Section 4 of the Paddy Marketing Board Act, No. 14 of 1971, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1684/54 of December 18th, 2010, which was presented on 24.02.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*7.

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

*8.

The Minister of Plantation Industries,— Regulations under the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law,— That the Regulations made by the Sri Lanka Tea Board under Section 25 of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law, No. 14 of 1975 read with Sections 5B and 5C of this Act, and approved by the Minister of Plantation Industries, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1677/14 of 27th October 2010, which were presented on 04.01.2011, be approved.

*9.

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

(Cabinet approval signified)

*10.

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

(Excise Notification No. 935)

(Cabinet approval signified)

11.

Maheswary Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

12.

Sri Lanka Economic Association (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*

[1].

Motion made and Question proposed “That the Bill be now read a Second time”.

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, April 05, 2011)

0222/10

1.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether there are lands belonging to Land Reforms Commission, within the district of Hambanthota;
 - (ii) if so, the name, extent, Grama Niladhari Division where it is located and the nature of land, with respect to each of the aforesaid lands;
 - (iii) the annual income from each land;
 - (iv) whether the ownership of those lands have been transferred legally to individuals or institutions;
 - (v) if so, the purpose for which the lands were transferred and the basis on which it was done;
 - (vi) the name and address of the persons or institutions that received lands, the date of transfer, extent of the land and the relevant period of time;
 - (vii) the income received by the Commission from each land ?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether lands of the Commission are occupied illegally by individuals or institutions;
 - (ii) if so, their names the extent of land occupied and the period for which it has been occupied;
 - (iii) the measures taken and the current situation in that respect;
 - (iv) the extent of land in possession of the Commission at its inception and at present;
 - (v) the extent of land that was alienated out of the extent that was there at the inception;
 - (vi) the names and addresses of the persons to whom lands were alienated and the extent of land ?
- (c) If not, why?

0672'10

2.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of—
 - (i) the amount of fertilizer imported for agricultural purposes by the public sector and the private sector within the last ten years ; and
 - (ii) the amount of each type of fertilizer imported by the aforesaid two parties, the countries from which they were imported and the prices, in each year?
- (b) If not, why?

0673'10

3.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the total volume of fertilizer produced by the public and private sector ;
 - (ii) separately and on annual basis the total volume of fertilizer produced in relation to each type of fertilizer and the sector that produced each type of fertilizer ; and
 - (iii) separately, the market value of eth total volume of fertilizer produced by public and private sectors annually, in relation to agriculture during the last 10 years?
- (b) If not, why?

0675'10

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately with respect to the last ten years—
 - (i) of the amount of seeds imported annually with the involvement of the state sector and private sector for the use in the field of agriculture;
 - (ii) of the amount of each type of seed imported annually by the state and private sectors, their values, the names of the countries from which they were imported and the their prices ?
- (b) If not, why?

0676'10

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House with respect to the last 10 years—
 - (i) the amounts of each type of seeds produced annually for agricultural purposes by the government and the private sector separately ; and
 - (ii) the market value of the aforesaid seeds in each year separately?
- (b) If not, why?

0858'10

6.

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

- (a) Will he state separately in respect of each province, whether salary arrears are to be paid for teachers serving in schools coming under the purview of the central government and the provincial councils in the Western, Sabaragamuwa, North-Western, Central, Uva, North-Central, Eastern and Northern provincial councils?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the amount of salary arrears to be paid to teachers at each province level as at 01.01.2010, if salary arrears are to be paid as mentioned above?
 - (ii) whether allocations have been made by the government for the payment of the aforesaid salary arrears ; and
 - (iii) the reasons, if allocations were not so made?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he admits that an injustice has been caused to these teachers as a result of not paying salary arrears;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid teachers will be paid their salary arrears?
- (d) If not, why?

0909'10

7.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. A.M. Ismail (R.P.C. 20302) residing at No. 343/2, M.P.C.S. Lane, Sammanturai No. 3, was suspended from service for being late in informing his inability to report for duty after being bitten by a snake while being attached to the Pothuwil police station on secondment from the Sammanthurai police station ; and
 - (ii) the inquiries on the appeals seeking his reinstatement has now been completed but he has still not been reinstated despite a written recommendation for the reinstatement of Mr. Ismail made to the Deputy Inspector General of Police of the Eastern Province (South) through letter No. S/2/1/380/09 dated 05/06/2009 by the Senior Superintendent of Police of Ampara?

- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether action will be taken to reinstate Mr. Ismail, who has led an exemplary life without engaging in criminal or terrorist activities during the period under interdiction, with effect from the year 1998?
- (c) If not, why ?

Wednesday, April 06, 2011

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0228/10

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of Government schools coming under the purview of the Beliatta Divisional Education Office which is under the Tangalle Zonal Education Office of the Hambanthota district;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools that have already been closed down or decided to be closed down, out of the schools mentioned in (ii) above ; and
 - (iv) the names of those schools?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether there are overstaffed schools belonging to this division;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the names of schools with shortage of teachers;
 - (iv) the subjects for which shortages exist;
 - (v) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to the schools with shortage of teachers; and
 - (vi) if so; the time frame within which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

0444/10

2.

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

- (a) Will he state separately the total number of failed Finance Companies reported during the last five years?
- (b) Will he admit that it is the responsibility of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to protect depositors?

- (c) Will he inform this House separately —
 - (i) of the total number of depositors not paid by the Companies which accepted their money; and
 - (ii) the Companies defaulted or delinquent in paying; and
 - (iii) of how IFC and CIFC depositors lost their savings as at 01.06.2010 even after the Central Bank stepped in and assured that no Company would to bankrupt ?
- (d) Will he explain to this House —
 - (i) as to what has happened to the Directors of the Companies; and
 - (ii) as to why there are different standards applied to the Directors when it comes to Bank reporting of these Finance Companies?
- (e) If not, why?

0536/'10

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Pottuwil-Panama road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?
- (b) If this road is being developed, will he inform this House of—
 - (i) its length in Kilometers ;
 - (ii) the proposed date for the completion of its work ;
 - (iii) the amount of money estimated for this purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of this road ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of institutions that submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) the bids forwarded by the respective institutions ;
 - (iv) the institution for which the tender was awarded and the price of bid?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the total amount of estimated money for the construction of this road was obtained from local funds ;
 - (ii) if not, whether it was obtained through foreign aid ;
 - (iii) if foreign aid was obtained, the name of the donor country?
- (e) If not, why?

0559/'10

4.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (4)

- (a) Is he aware that under “Vishramika Diviyata Athwelak” (Support for retired life) in Mahinda Chinthana Vision that was presented at the last Presidential Election, a pledge was made as a relief measure for pensioners, to the effect that the pensions of those who had retired prior to 2006 would be rectified in line with the 2006 salary scheme and implemented from the following budget (2010)?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken through the 2010 budget to pay the pensions of those who had retired prior to 2006 in line with the 2006 salary scheme accordingly ;
 - (ii) of the amount allocated for the aforesaid purpose ;
 - (iii) of the relevant reasons, if that relief has not been granted through the 2010 budget ; and
 - (iv) of the date on which the aforesaid pension hike would be granted?
- (c) If not, why?

0806/'10

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of schools administered by the Welipitiya Divisional Educational Office of the Akuressa Zonal Educational Office in the Matara District ?
 - (ii) the names, address and telephone numbers of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools in which the total number of students is less than one hundred ;
 - (iv) the names of those schools; and
 - (v) the names of schools that have been identified to be closed down out of the schools in which the total number of students is less than one hundred ?
- (b) Will he state in this House —
 - (i) whether there are schools in which there are excess teachers in this Division; and
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the names of the schools in which there is a shortage of teachers;
 - (iv) the subjects for which there is a shortage of teachers;
 - (v) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to those schools in which there is a shortage of teachers; and
 - (vi) if so, the period of time within which it will be done ?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

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

- (a) Will he state separately, the total income of the Sri Lanka Law College in the years, 2007, 2008 and 2009?
- (b) Will he state, separately—
 - (i) the amount of money levied as lecture fees ;
 - (ii) the amount of money levied as the fees for application forms for the Law College Entrance Examination ;
 - (iii) the amount of money levied as examination fees in respect of the aforesaid examination ;
 - (iv) the income received by the Sri Lanka Law College through other sources ; and
 - (v) the expenditure of the Law College ;in each of the above mentioned years?
- (c) Will he inform this House ;
 - (i) of the steps taken to regularize the financial management of the Sri Lanka Law College ;
 - (ii) whether the activities of the Sri Lanka Law College can not be conducted without increasing the lecture fees as mentioned in the Performance Report of the Ministry of Justice and Law Reforms for the year 2009?
- (d) If not, why?

7.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated with the approval of His Excellency the President for the reconstruction of the road from Sungawila to Somawathie Raja Maha Vihara ; and
 - (ii) the estimated amount of money approved for the reconstruction of the aforesaid road?

- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the name of the authority or the Department which managed the aforesaid amount of money ;
 - (ii) the officers who were appointed to manage the aforesaid amount of money ;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent by now for the reconstruction of the above mentioned road out of the amount allocated ;
 - (iv) whether any irregularities have taken place in managing the aforesaid amount of money ; and
 - (v) whether the report of the inquiry conducted by the Ministry in relation to this matter will be submitted, if such irregularities have taken place?
- (c) If not, why ?

0988/'10

8.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether steps were taken to build a housing project named “Nila Sevana” close to Ragama town for the purpose of providing houses for public sector employees ;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it was commenced ;
 - (iii) the number of houses that have been planned to be built under the proposed housing project ;
 - (iv) if the construction work of the aforesaid project has already been started the number of houses of which construction work has been completed by now ; and
 - (v) the proposed date by which the construction work of the aforesaid housing project will be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

0242/'10

9.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure and common amenities in the Government schools coming under the purview of the Lunugamwehera Divisional Education office belonging to the Hambantota Zonal Education office of the Hambantota District?

- (b) Will he submit to this House —
- (i) the number of school without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (iv) the names of schools to which they belong to;
 - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements;
 - (vi) what those requirements are;
 - (vii) the number of schools without laboratories and libraries; and
 - (viii) the names of those schools?
- (c) Will he state —
- (i) whether action will be taken to make financial allocations required for those schools to fulfill the above mentioned requirements; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time during which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

0650/10

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the areas newly identified for Tourism development ;
 - (ii) whether an area of 500 Acres in Kuchchaveli and Kalpitiya is in the newly designated areas;
 - (iii) the cost that the Government has invested in those areas;
 - (iv) the objectives to be achieved by the Ministry through the said investment; and
 - (v) the level of Tourists and the Nationality that is trying to cater?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether there is a Tourism Fund being initiated; and
 - (ii) the amount that the Government is going to contribute to the fund?
- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) whether ten Private Companies are going to invest 500 million internally in tourism development ; and
 - (ii) if so, the names of those companies?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the post for which Mr. Sumanasena Ramasinghe joined the service of Ayurveda Department of the Ministry of Health of the Southern Province, the date on which he joined the service, his period of service, the date on which he retired and the post that he held on the date he retire ;
 - (ii) the number of extensions of service he has obtained and the relevant years ;
 - (iii) the name, post and address of the officer who recommended extensions of service for him ; and
 - (iv) the criteria to be met for an extension of service?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the date on which Mr. Ramasinghe entered the Staff Grade ; and
 - (ii) the privileges and facilities that Staff Grade Officer is entitled to?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Mr. Ramasinghe was served charge sheets for any offence during his period of service ;
 - (ii) if so, whether disciplinary inquiries have been held with relevance to that ; and
 - (iii) whether he has been found guilty of some offence and punished in some manner?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for the appointing authority not taking action to provide Mr. Ramasinghe with a pension ;
 - (ii) of the legal situation with relevance to that ; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which his pension would be adjusted, if adjusting Mr. Ramasinghe's pension has been delayed due to an administrative omission?
- (e) If not, why?

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of schools administered by the Akuressa Divisional Educational Office of the Akuressa Zonal Educational Office in the Matara District ;
 - (ii) the names, address and telephone numbers of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools in which the total number of students is less than one hundred out of the schools mentioned above ; and
 - (iv) the names of those schools?
- (b) Will he state in this House —
 - (i) whether there are schools in which there are excess teachers in this Division;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the names of the schools in which there is a shortage of teachers;
 - (iv) the subjects for which there is a shortage of teachers;
 - (v) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to those schools in which there is a shortage of teachers; and
 - (vi) if so, the period of time taken for it ?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of State Counsels ;
 - (ii) the number of State Attorneys ;in the Attorney General's Department?
- (b) Will he state separately, the number of State Counsels and State Attorneys required to fulfill the responsibilities of Attorney General's Department, efficiently, without any delays?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken to fill the vacancies that exist at the Attorney General's Department?
- (d) If not, why?

0919/'10

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the basic educational qualifications considered in recruiting cadre for libraries and laboratories of schools ;
 - (ii) whether the designation of the above category of employees has been subject to change under the absorption of the school staffs ; and
 - (iii) if so, the said designation?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a grave injustice has been committed to the library and laboratory employees who have better educational qualifications in relation to other non-school staff on account of the absorption of the school staffs ;
 - (ii) they have been subject to mental stress as a result ; and
 - (iii) they have encountered problems in following diploma courses relevant to their posts?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House, whether action will be taken either to amend or repeal the relevant absorption in order to redress this injustice?
- (d) If not, why?

0999/'10

15.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,— (1)

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) as Sri Lanka holds a prominent place in the world with respect to civilization based on irrigation and agriculture it is appropriate to construct a museum of water and irrigation so that the aforesaid prominence could be endowed upon the future generation ;
 - (ii) the future generation will be provided with the opportunity to study the history of Sri Lanka agriculture and irrigation works through that ;
 - (iii) those who are engaged in the field of irrigation and agriculture will be provided an opportunity to carry out researches, through the construction of such a museum ?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether measures will be taken to start the construction of such a museum speedily ?
- (c) If not, why ?

Thursday, April 07, 2011
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0237/'10

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of government schools coming under the purview of the Tangalle Divisional Education Office which is under the Tangalle Zonal Education Office of the Hambanthota district;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools that have already been closed down or decided to be closed down, out of the schools mentioned in (ii) above ; and
 - (iv) the names of those schools?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether there are overstaffed schools belonging to this division;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the names of schools with shortage of teachers;
 - (iv) the subjects for which shortages exist;
 - (v) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to the schools with shortage of teachers;
 - (vi) if so; the time frame within which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

0376/'10

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (4)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the amounts of Duty and all other forms of Taxes imposed on the imported items namely Milk Powder, Gas, Sugar, Dhal, Onions, Potatoes, Rice, Canned Fish and Petroleum;
 - (ii) the quantities of the aforesaid items imported for the last 10 years;
 - (iii) the revenue earned through imposition of Taxes for the last 5 years;
 - (iv) the quantities of them produced locally, if any, for last 5 years on per year basis; and
 - (v) the annual consumption of those items for last 5 years?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Bogahawewa-Pulmudai road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?
- (b) If this road is being developed, will he inform this House of—
 - (i) its length in Kilometers ;
 - (ii) the proposed date for the completion of its work ;
 - (iii) the amount of money estimated for this purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of this road ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of institutions that submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) the bids forwarded by the respective institutions ;
 - (iv) the institution for which the tender was awarded and the price of bid?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the total amount of estimated money for the construction of this road was obtained from local funds ;
 - (ii) if not, whether it was obtained through foreign aid ;
 - (iii) if foreign aid was obtained, the name of the donor country?
- (e) If not, why?

4.

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

- (a) Is he aware that applications have been called for the post of Additional Registrar of Births and Deaths of Ranchagoda Division and Marriage (General) of Kandabadapaththuwa Division of Matara district ?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the date on which applications were called ;
 - (ii) the qualifications required to apply for that post ;
 - (iii) the number of persons who have applied for this post ; and
 - (iv) the names of the applicants ?

- (c) Will he state —
- (i) whether the interviews relevant to the aforesaid post have been held by now ?
 - (ii) the marks obtained by each applicant at that interview, separately ;
 - (iii) whether a qualified person has been selected through that interview for that post by now ;
 - (iv) if so, the name of that person;
 - (v) if not, the reason for not appointing a qualified person upto now;
 - (vi) the time it would take, if a person will be appointed for the post ?
- (d) If not, why ?

0854/10

5.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of elephants recorded in the North-Western Province as of 30th June 2010;
 - (ii) separately, the number of elephants and the number of people killed in the North-Western Province as a result of the human-elephant conflict in the year 2009 and up to 30th June 2010 ; and
 - (iii) whether action has been taken to pay compensation for the deceased?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of the staff and the places of work ;
 - (ii) the number of vehicles provided to the staff ; and
 - (iii) the financial allocation set aside for the staff in the years 2009 and 2010 ;
- with respect to the employees of the Wildlife Department who are serving in the North-Western Province?
- (c) Will he state as to what measures have been taken by the government to minimize the human-elephant conflict in the North-Western Province?
- (d) If not, why?

0911/'10

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the “wayamba” (North Western) Cricket team which represented Sri Lanka at the Champions league 20-20 Cricket tournament held in South Africa in September 2010 was sponsored by an institution with a trade name Musli Power X-tra;
 - (ii) what that institution is;
 - (iii) the amount of money paid to the Sri Lanka Cricket by this institution ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether a product used for sexual stimulation is sold under the trade name Musli Power X-tra ?
- (c) If so, does he admit the fact that exhibiting the logo relating to that product while the “wayamba” (North Western) Cricket team was playing , is harmful to the image of the country and the players ?
- (d) Will he inform this House as to what course of action would be taken against those officers who acted irresponsibly in selecting sponsors for the above tournament ?
- (e) If not, why?

0238/'10

7.

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

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure and common amenities in the Government schools coming under the purview of the Ambalanthota Divisional Education office belonging to the Hambanthota Zonal Education office of the Hambantota District?
- (b) Will he submit to this House —
 - (i) the number of schools without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (iv) the names of schools to which they belong to;
 - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements;
 - (vi) what those requirements are;
 - (vii) the number of schools without laboratories and libraries; and
 - (viii) the names of those schools?

- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to make financial allocations required for those schools to fulfill the above mentioned requirements; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time during which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

0540/'10

8.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Trincomalee-Thirikkonduyadumadu road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?
- (b) If this road is being developed, will he inform this House of—
 - (i) its length in Kilometers ;
 - (ii) the proposed date for the completion of its work ;
 - (iii) the amount of money estimated for this purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of this road ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of institutions that submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) the bids forwarded by the respective institutions ;
 - (iv) the institution for which the tender was awarded and the price of bid?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the total amount of estimated money for the construction of this road was obtained from local funds ;
 - (ii) if not, whether it was obtained through foreign aid ;
 - (iii) if foreign aid was obtained, the name of the donor country?
- (e) If not, why?

0651/'10

9.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the inaugurated year, the person initiated and the purpose of establishment of the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Fund;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated to the Capital Fund as of now; and
 - (iii) the amount added as capital to the Fund from its inception to date, on per year basis?

- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) the names of the trustees of the Fund, at present;
 - (ii) the names of all lands bought by utilizing the Mahapola Trust Fund from its inception to date;
 - (iii) the purchasing price and the present Market price of each land separately;
 - (iv) whether any of those lands have been sold; and
 - (v) if so, the purpose of selling and the price of each land?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of students that are currently benefited by the Mahapola Scholarships Fund; and
 - (ii) the monthly stipend of a Mahapola Scholarship holder?
- (d) If not, why?

0800/10

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that there are a large number of teachers trainees who have not been appointed as teachers so far though they have successfully completed the Teaching Diploma Course and internship at seventeen National Colleges of Education functional at present ?
- (b) Will he inform —
- (i) of the number of Diploma holders who have not been appointed as teachers, from December 2009 up to now ;
 - (ii) whether a methodology has been formulated to grant appointments to those teacher trainees;
 - (iii) if so, the number of teacher trainees to be granted appointments within the years 2010 and 2011 separately ;
 - (iv) the dates by which appointments will be granted in 2010 and 2011;
 - (v) whether financial provisions have been made by now for granting those appointments ;
 - (vi) if so, the amounts allocated for 2010 and 2011 separately ;
 - (vii) the head under which provisions have been made and the methodology adopted to do so?
- (c) If not, why ?

11.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether “Sri Lanka Cricket” has entered into a contract with Somerset Entertainment Ventures (Singapore) Pvt. Ltd ;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid contract was entered into and the details pertaining to the contract ;
 - (iii) the value of the aforesaid contract ;
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid contract will be tabled ; and
 - (v) if not, the reasons for it?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the registration number of the aforesaid company, if it has been registered in Sri Lanka ; and
 - (ii) the name of the country in which the aforesaid company has been registered, its registration number and the date of registration if it is a registered company in another country?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the advertisement pertaining to the aforesaid contract was published by “Sri Lanka Cricket” only on its web site ;
 - (ii) the date on which the aforesaid advertisement was published ;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid company had entered into contracts pertaining to Cricket before it entered into the aforesaid contract ; and
 - (iv) if so, the occasions on which such contracts were entered into?
- (d) If not, why?

0246/10

12.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of schools without sanitary facilities and their names;
 - (ii) the names of schools in need of buildings and the number of buildings required;

in the government schools administered by the Beliatta Divisional Education Office belonging to the Tangalle Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) that there will be a re-awakening in education as a result of fulfilling the above requirements;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide financial provisions required to fulfill the aforesaid requirements;
 - (iii) if so, the time frame for that?
- (c) If not, why?

0654/'10

13.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the objectives of establishing the Paddy Marketing Board?
 - (ii) as to when the Paddy Marketing Board was opened;
 - (iii) the reasons for closing it in 1995 ?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) the number of tons of paddy bought by the Paddy Marketing Board for the last 4-5 years;
 - (ii) the percentage of paddy bought by the paddy Marketing Board compared to its production in Yala and Maha seasons;and
 - (iii) as to how the Paddy Marketing Board managed to increase the minimum selling price of paddy?
- (c) If not, why?

0801/'10

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the number of National Schools administered by the government in Matara district ;
 - (ii) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those schools;
 - (iii) the schools which are overstaffed, out of the schools mentioned in answer for (ii) above ;
 - (iv) the subjects with respect to which they are overstaffed ?

- (b) Will he state —
- (i) the schools where shortage of teachers exists, out of those schools
 - (ii) the subjects with respect to which shortage of teachers exists;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to the schools where shortage of teachers exists ;
 - (iv) if so, the time frame required for providing teachers ?
- (c) If not, why?

0920/10

15.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a wrong mixing of drugs has taken place at the Drug Manufacturing Zone place at the Drug Manufacturing Zone of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation on a certain date in the month of August 2010?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid stock of drugs which was manufactured defectively has been removed from use by now;
 - (ii) of the course of action taken against the person or persons responsible for that fault;
 - (iii) whether this incident has been reported to the Drug Authority?
- (c) Will he state whether the Drug Manufacturing Zone has been cleaned according to G.M.P (Good Manufacturing Practice) after the aforesaid incident ?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the loss incurred by the Corporation as a result of the production of drugs defectively;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid stock of drugs has been released to the market in order to cover the above mentioned loss ?
- (e) If not, why?

Friday, April 08, 2011
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0214/10

1.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (4)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) whether there are lands in the Galle district that belong to the Land Reforms Commission ;
 - (ii) if so, the name and the extent of each land, the name of the Grama Niladhari Division to which the land belongs and the condition of the land ;
 - (iii) the annual income from each of the aforesaid lands ;
 - (iv) whether the ownership of the aforesaid lands has been legally transferred to individuals or institutions ;
 - (v) if so, the purpose for which the lands were transferred and the basis on which it was done ;
 - (vi) the names of the individuals or institutions that received lands, their addresses, the dates of transfer, the extents of the lands and the period of time ;
 - (vii) the income earned by the commission from each of the aforesaid lands?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether the lands that belong to the commission are illegally possessed by individuals or institutions ;
 - (ii) if so, their names, the extent of land so possessed and the duration of their possession ;
 - (iii) the courses of action that were taken in this regard and its current situation ;
 - (iv) the extent of land owned by the commission at its inception and at present ;
 - (v) out of the extent of land owned by the commission at its inception, the extent of land transferred to others ;
 - (vi) the names and the addresses of the persons to whom the possession of the land was transferred and the extent of land so transferred?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of schools without sanitary facilities and their names;
 - (ii) the names of schools in need of buildings and the number of buildings required;

in the government schools administered by the Tangalle Divisional Education Office belonging to the Tangalle Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) that there will be a re-awakening in education as a result of fulfilling the above requirements;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide financial provisions required to full fill the aforesaid requirements;
 - (iii) if so, the time frame for that?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

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

- (a) Will he state the number of people go for foreign employments on per year basis during the last five years to date?
- (b) Will he admit that the people going overseas for employment be protected through an Insurance Scheme?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House how much is charged per person for such Insurance cover?
- (d) Will he mention the total number of claims made per year for the last five years?
- (e) Will he explain as to why people do not get the claim even though they have paid for the Insurance Policy ?
- (f) If not, why?

4.

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether the land on which Sooriyawewa Cricket Stadium in Hambanthota is built was transferred by the government to an outside party by way of leasing or any other method;
 - (ii) to whom it was transferred in that manner;
 - (iii) the amount for which that land was transferred, the year in which it was transferred and the extent of the land;
 - (iv) the party to whom the ownership of that stadium will be transferred once it is completed;
 - (v) the period of time and amount for which it will be transferred;
 - (vi) the annual income expected through it ?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the total amount that would be spent on the construction of the aforesaid stadium;
 - (ii) whether that amount is spent by the government, a government institution or by Sri Lanka Cricket or some other institution;
 - (iii) if so, the amount spent by each party, separately?
- (c) Will he inform of —
 - (i) the persons who provide consultancy for designing and architecture of this stadium;
 - (ii) the amount expected to be spent on the playground, pavilion, light bulbs for day and night matches and annual maintenance, separately ?
- (d) If not, why?

0802/'10

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure facilities and common amenities in the government schools administered by the Akuressa Divisional Education Office of the Akuressa Zonal Educational Office in the Matara District ?
- (b) Will he state in relation to the above schools—
 - (i) the number of schools without electricity;
 - (ii) the number of schools without library and laboratory facilities;
 - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters;
 - (iv) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity;
 - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements; and
 - (vi) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of schools with aforesaid shortages?

- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether arrangements will be made to allocate the required funds to fulfill the shortcomings in the aforesaid schools; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time taken for it?
- (d) If not, why?

0215/10

6.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (4)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether there are lands in the Matara district that belong to the Land Reforms Commission ;
 - (ii) if so, the name and the extent of each land, the name of the Grama Niladhari Division to which the land belongs and the condition of the land ;
 - (iii) the annual income from each of the aforesaid lands ;
 - (iv) whether the ownership of the aforesaid lands has been legally transferred to individuals or institutions ;
 - (v) if so, the purpose for which the lands were transferred and the basis on which it was done ;
 - (vi) the names of the individuals or institutions that received lands, their addresses, the dates of transfer, the extents of the lands and the period of time ;
 - (vii) the income earned by the commission from each of the aforesaid lands?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the lands that belong to the commission are illegally possessed by individuals or institutions ;
 - (ii) if so, their names, the extent of land so possessed and the duration of their possession ;
 - (iii) the courses of action that were taken in this regard and its current situation ;
 - (iv) the extent of land owned by the commission at its inception and at present ;
 - (v) out of the extent of land owned by the commission at its inception, the extent of land transferred to others ;
 - (vi) the names and the addresses of the persons to whom the possession of the land was transferred and the extent of land so transferred?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the number of schools without sanitary facilities and their names;
- (ii) the names of schools in need of buildings and the number of buildings required;

in the government schools administered by the Ambalantota Divisional Education Office belonging to the Hambantota Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) that there will be a re-awakening in education as a result of fulfilling the above requirements;
- (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide financial provisions required to full fill the aforesaid requirements;
- (iii) if so, the time frame for that?

(c) If not, why?

0686/10

8.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of gold reserves of the government of Sri Lanka auctioned through the Central Bank as at 01st September 2010;
- (ii) the value of the gold auctioned as above, in US dollars and Sri Lankan Rupees separately ;
- (iii) the prices at which the Gold was bought by the Government; and
- (iv) whether any confiscated Gold has being added to the Central Bank Reserves?

(b) Will he inform—

- (i) whether any gold owned by the government has been sold during last 2 years;
- (ii) if so, the selling price of the gold; and
- (iii) whether such sale of gold was done through tenders or auctions?

(c) If not, why?

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure facilities and common amenities in the government schools administered by the Malimbada Divisional Education Office of the Akuressa Zonal Educational Office in the Matara District ?
- (b) Will he state in relation to the above schools—
 - (i) the number of schools without electricity;
 - (ii) the number of schools without library and laboratory facilities;
 - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters;
 - (iv) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity;
 - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements; and
 - (vi) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of schools with aforesaid shortages?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether arrangements will be made to allocate the required funds to fulfil the shortcomings in the aforesaid schools; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time taken for it?
- (d) If not, why?

0921/10

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the full name and the age of the Chairman of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation;
 - (ii) his place of work and the post he held before he was appointed to this post;
 - (iii) his professional experience;
 - (iv) monthly salary and other allowances paid to him at present;
 - (v) the authority who appointed him to the present post ?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of schools without sanitary facilities and their names; and
 - (ii) the names of schools in need of buildings and the number of buildings required;

in the government schools administered by the Tissamaharama Divisional Education Office belonging to the Hambantota Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) that there will be a re-awakening in education as a result of fulfilling the above requirements;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide financial provisions required to full fill the aforesaid requirements; and
 - (iii) if so, the time frame for that?
- (c) If not, why?

0691/10

12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Licences issued to establish Commercial Banks in Sri Lanka to date from the inception of the Central Bank;
 - (ii) the number of branches operating under each main Bank separately;
 - (iii) the paid up share capital of aforesaid banks; and
 - (iv) the required share capital for Commercial Banks as at to date?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether any of the above banks of which Head quarters is in Sri Lanka has remitted money to buy an Overseas Bank; and
 - (ii) if so, the name of the Bank and the value of the money approved by the Bank?

- (c) Will he inform—
- (i) the number of licenses issued for Non Commercial Banks ;
 - (ii) the number of non Commercial Banks currently operating in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) the share capital of those Banks;
 - (iv) whether any Commercial or Non Commercial bank has gone bankrupt; and
 - (v) If so, the names of those banks and their directors ?
- (d) If not why?

0804/10

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure facilities and common amenities in the government schools administered by the Welipitiya Divisional Education Office of the Akuressa Zonal Educational Office in the Matara District ?
- (b) Will he state in relation to the above schools—
- (i) the number of schools without electricity;
 - (ii) the number of schools without library and laboratory facilities;
 - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters;
 - (iv) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity;
 - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements; and
 - (vi) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of schools with aforesaid shortages?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether arrangements will be made to allocate the required funds to fulfil the shortcomings in the aforesaid schools; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time taken for it?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the estimated cost for the construction of the Galle Bus stand ;
 - (ii) the name of the institution that prepared this estimate ; and
 - (iii) the estimate and the plan of the relevant building?
- (b) Will he state, in relation to this project—
- (i) the name of the contractor or the names of contractors ;
 - (ii) the name of the firm or institution which provide consultancy services, if there is any ; and
 - (iii) the name of the institution responsible for supervision?
- (c) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the nature of this new bus stand and the institutions and the businesses that are intended to be carried out inside the building concerned ;
 - (ii) the methodology which is adopted for allocating places of business inside this building ;and
 - (iii) the relief that will be provided to the payment hawkers and the owners of temporary places of business who were removed from the vicinity of the Galle bus stand and other places in the Galle town with the construction of the bus stand?
- (d) If not, why?

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of companies identified as the companies which have brought down drugs of inferior quality during the past 06 years ;
 - (ii) the names of those companies ;
 - (iii) separately, the loss incurred by the government as a result of each of these companies bringing down drugs of inferior quality ; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount of money paid back to the government by each of these companies?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the names and addresses of the chairperson and the board of directors of each of these companies which have identified as having brought down drugs of inferior quality ;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid companies, the number of companies which have been blacklisted ;
 - (iii) the names of those companies ; and
 - (iv) whether drugs have been purchased from companies blacklisted as above during the period from the year 2006-2010?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Holding of Cabinet Portfolios by the President and the Prime Minister is not appropriate,—Adjourned debate on question (08th October 2010)

Motion made and question proposed,— “That this Parliament resolves that holding of Cabinet Portfolios by the President and the Prime Minister is not appropriate in order to have a very effective administration and to critically review performance of the Ministers.” [P.1/’10]

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2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting Permission to Journalists to attend all Meetings held under Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE), Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and Consultative Committees,—That this Parliament resolves that journalists must be permitted to attend all meetings held under the Committee on Public Enterprises, Public Accounts Committee and Consultative Committees as this will make the discussions more effective, meaningful and transparent.

P.5/’10

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting Agricultural Loans to farmers who are self employed in Agriculture,—That this Parliament is resolves that farmers who are self employed in agriculture be granted Agricultural loans to a maximum of Rs. 2,50,000 at a reduced Interest Rate of 5%.

P.6/’10

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Implementation of an Island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc.,— That this Parliament resolves that an island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc, be implemented since the usage of Polythene and Plastic material has rapidly increased in the island and large scale environmental pollution is taking place due to the indiscriminate disposal of such material.

P.7/10

5.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Publishing the names of defaulters of loans taken from State Banks,— That this Parliament resolves that legal provisions be introduced in Parliament to publish names of defaulters who have borrowed over Rs.100 million from state banks.

P.8/10

6.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Implementation of Private Members Motions,— That this Parliament resolves that Private Members Motions moved in Parliament shall be debated within one year and, if approved by Parliament, the Cabinet of Ministers shall sanction them within six months, so that the Private Members Motions would be an effective contribution by Parliamentarians.

P.9/10

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Playing National Anthem in Parliament,—That this Parliament resolves that National Anthem be played in Parliament before the commencement and the conclusion of Parliament Sitting in order to develop national spiritedness in the country.

P.10/10

8.

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

P.11/10

9.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Prevention of using images of Religious leaders for commercial purposes,— That this Parliament resolves that all religions must equally be respected and that images of Lord Buddha, Jesus Christ, Lord Shiva or Prophet Mohammed should not be used on any Commercial advertisement or any other form of non religious items.

P.12/10

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Making new laws to regulate contempt of court proceedings,— That this Parliament resolves that new laws should be brought into regulate contempt of court proceedings as to strengthen democracy and to maintain a vibrant free media ensuring equal justice to all.

P.13/10

11.

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

P.14/10

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Presenting a Financial Audit Report to The Election Commission by Political Parties,— That this Parliament resolves that all income and expenditure earned and incurred by recognized Political Parties must be audited and presented to the Election Commission annually.

P.15/10

13.

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

P.16/10

14.

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

P.17/10

15.

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

P.18/10

16.

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

P.19/10

17.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Pre Budget Debate prior to passing of the Budget,— That this Parliament resolves that, like in India and United Kingdom, there must be a pre Budget debate on estimates provided, three months before passing of the Budget in order to mitigate and rectify any adverse or unfavorable impacts.

P.20/10

18.

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

P.21/ 10

19.

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

P.22/ 10

20.

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

P.23/ 10

21.

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

P.24/ 10

22.

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

P.25/ 10

23.

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

P.26/ 10

24.

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

P.27/ 10

25.

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

P.28/10

26.

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

P.29/10

27.

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

P.30/10

28.

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

P.31/10

29.

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

P.32/10

30.

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

P.33/10

31.

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

P.34/10

32.

Hon. (Alhaj) A.H.M. Azwer,—Establishment of Industrial Estates in the Puttalam District,—That this Parliament resolves that Industrial Estates be established at suitable locations in the Puttalam District with a view to boosting up industries in the District and to provide employment opportunities to the youth.

P.35/10

33.

Hon. (Alhaj) A.H.M. Azwer,—Developing the Sathernkerny Public Play Ground in the Kalmunai Town,—That this Parliament resolves that the Sathernkerny Public Play Ground be developed in all aspects as an International Sports Ground with a view to providing advanced facilities for the youth of Digamadulla District to improve their skills and ability in the various aspects of sports.

P.39/' 10

34.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— Establishment of a Museum in the Kegalle District,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken to establish a museum for archeological monuments and for the purpose of obtaining information regarding places which have archaeological, cultural and social values.

P.40/' 10

35.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— Appointment of a Presidential Commission combining the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison,— That this Parliament resolves that a Presidential Commission be appointed the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison with the objective of minimizing crimes spreading in the society, to improve criminals laws be minimizing shortcomings, to dispose of backlog of cases including land matters piled up in courts and to provide a speedy service by modernizing the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison

P.41/' 10

36.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— Presidential Commission on Political victimization,— That this Parliament resolves that a fully pledge Presidential Commission should be appointed to inquire into the complaints made by people who have been affected by political victimization due to their political ideas, from past until now, and to give them relief.

P.42/' 10

37.

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

P.43/' 10

38.

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

P.44/' 10

39.

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

P.45/10

40.

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

P.46/10

41.

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

P.47/10

42.

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

P.48/10

43.

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

P.49/10

44.

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

P.50/10

45.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— Implementation of a proper scientific plan for the protection of valuable natural resources of Sri Lanka and their surrounding areas,—That this Parliament resolves that a proper scientific plan be implemented to protect and promote the Sinharaja Forest, Kanneliya Forest Reserve, Roomassala Hill, the islands and the mangrove system of Koggala Oya and Madu Ganga, a Ramsar Wetland, which are considered as valuable natural resources no only of Sri Lanka but the whole world, and their surrounding areas.

P.51/10

46.

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

P.52/10

47.

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Implementing a practical programme to address the housing issues of the owners of houses lacking in facilities living in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that a practical programme be formulated for addressing the peoples' housing issues by constructing flats and cluster flats Schemes in Colombo and other cities in its neighbourhood under the vision of Mahinda Chinthana for ensuring the right of each and every family living in Sri Lanka to live in a house that consists of their basic requirements, drinking water, electricity, toilet facilities and a kitchen.

P.53/10

48.

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Regulating the drainage of rainy water in the city of Colombo,— That this Parliament resolves since a situation has been created where the entire city of Colombo is submerged in a continuous rainfall of about half an hour as the drain system of the city of Colombo is more than 100 years old and is not functioning properly, whereas damages are caused to environment from houses, building and unauthorized structures constructed haphazardly, hence the relevant drain system shall be modernized, cleaned and properly maintained so as to enable the efficient draining of rainy water to mitigate the flood disaster situation caused within the Colombo Municipal Council area during torrential rains.

P.54/10

49.

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

P.55/10

50.

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

P.56/10

51.

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

P.57/' 10

52.

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

P.59/' 10

53.

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

P.60/' 10

54.

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

P.62/' 10

55.

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

P.63/' 10

56.

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

P.64/' 10

57.

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

P.65/' 10

58.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— Granting a higher position to the Quaziz Court System,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that the Quaziz Court System that was established in Sri Lanka under the Muslim marriage and Divorce Ordinance of 1929 and subsequently amended under the Muslim marriage and Divorce Act in 1951 must be upgraded with powers vested with the Quaziz judges to adjudicate upon all matters concerned with disputes arising in Muslim families and also the status of the Quaziz

Court System must be upgraded in such a manner where sittings be held in premises congenial to the dignity of the system and as the Quaziz judges are appointed by the Judicial Service Commission they should be placed on a respectable and an acceptable salary structure payable to other judicial officers.

P.69/' 10

59.

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

P.70/' 10

60.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — Providing Vocational training for disabled children and children with special needs, — That this Parliament resolves that the disabled children and the children with special needs be provided with vocational training at district and provincial levels and a programme should be implemented to direct them in proper manner to employment opportunities.

P.71/' 10

61.

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

P.72/' 10

62.

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

P.74/' 10

63.

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

P.75/'10

64.

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

P.76/'10

65.

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

P.77/'10

66.

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

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67.

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

P.79/'10

68.

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

P.80/10

69.

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

P. 81/10

70.

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

P. 82/10

71.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Re-organizing the Public Administration structure, — That this Parliament resolves since the Ministry of Public Administration is in the process of redemarcating Grama Niladhari divisions the entire Public Administration structure be re-organized in such a way that divisional Secretariat divisions and districts be demarcated afresh through the redemarcated Grama Niladhari Divisions and such newly demarcated Divisional Secretary's areas be made local government areas and such area should consist of jurisdictions of all Public institutions including Divisional education area, Police area, agrarian services area and the regional health services officers area.

P. 83/10

72.

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

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73.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Extending the Honorary Post of 'Justice of the Peace' even beyond the term of the Peoples representatives of the Provincial Councils and local government bodies, —since the honorary post of 'Justice in Peace' accorded to the peoples representatives of the Provincial Councils and local government bodies are confined only to their term of office, a large number of people who approach them for the relevant service, even after their terms of office is over, are greatly inconvenienced. Therefore this Parliament resolves that a suitable system be adopted to extend this post to the people's representatives even beyond their terms of office.

P.85/'10

74.

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

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75.

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

P.87/'10

76.

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

P 88/'10

77.

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

P. 89/'10

78.

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

P. 90/10

79.

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

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80.

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

P.92/10

81.

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

P.93/10

82.

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

P. 94/10

83.

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

P. 95/10

84.

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

P. 96/10

85.

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

P.97/10

86.

Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga,— Increasing annual interest rate for fixed deposits of senior citizens up to 14 %,— That this Parliament resolves that the annual interest rate for fixed deposits of Rupees 15 lakhs or less of senior citizens be increased up to 14 %, as most of the senior citizens who are spending the evening of their life after rendering a considerable service for the country in corporations, boards, authorities and the private sector, live on the interest received on their savings and provident fund that they had deposited in fixed deposits, have been put into great inconvenience due to the lowered interest income received for the fixed deposits of senior citizens as a result of bringing down the annual interest rate of state banks up to 10.5 %.

P.98/10

87.

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

P.99/'10

88.

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

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89.

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

P.101/'10

90.

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

P.102/'10

91.

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

P.103/'10

92.

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

P.104/'10

93.

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

P.105/'10

94.

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.

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95.

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

P.109/'10

96.

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

P.110/'10

97.

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

P.111/'10

98.

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

P.112/'10

99.

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.

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100.

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.

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101.

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

P.115/10

102.

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 to strengthen the base in the local and international markets to sell those products.

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103.

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

P.117/10

104.

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

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105.

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.

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106.

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.

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107.

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

P.122/11

108.

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

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109.

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

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110.

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

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

* 1

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) look into the quantitative, qualitative and structural changes that should take place in preschool, primary, secondary, and tertiary education,
- (b) look into changes that shall be made in the education system to safeguard core national, religious and cultural values,
- (c) look into changes that should take place in pirivena education,
- (d) look into whether there is a specific system in admitting children to Grade One,
- (e) look into whether alternative methods that can be incorporated into the education system should be created to bring the results of all examinations and tests to a higher level and for students who do not qualify for higher education,
- (f) look into methods as to how students who go abroad to pursue education overseas without entering a university in Sri Lanka despite obtaining the qualifications to enter university could be provided with educational opportunities within the country itself,
- (g) look into as to what methods can be adopted to eliminate disparities that exist as per regions, races and religions,

- (h) look into the nature of the interrelationships between the central government and provincial councils in implementing the national education policy,
 - (i) look into as to what measures shall be taken to determine the role and responsibility of teachers, in service advisors, principals, divisional education directors, zonal educational directors, provincial education directors and all educationists in the education process.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) members.
- (c) That its report shall be presented to Parliament within three (3) months of its first meeting or any such period as extended by Parliament.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to,
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee;
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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2.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam
Hon. J. Sri Ranga
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake
Hon. Harin Fernando
Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga
Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on

the causes of the recurrent flooding of the Colombo City and its suburbs,—

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

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

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

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

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

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

And whereas this is a most unsatisfactory state of affairs.

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

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

4.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. D.M. Swaminadan

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) review the laws dealing with elections more particularly the Registration of Electors Act, the Local Authorities Elections Act, the Provincial Council Elections Act, the Parliamentary Elections Act and the Presidential Elections Act, together with the several amendments made to the said Acts over the years and the Special Provisions Acts made applicable to the provisions of the Acts set out above;
 - (b) assess the need to revise, amend and consolidate these Acts, and
 - (c) recommend the reform and amendments necessary to the current laws dealing with elections.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker,
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to —
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book, record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;

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

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5.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. (Dr) Jayalath Jayawardana

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. (Mrs) Thalatha Atukorale

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) review the implementation of the provisions of the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution;
- (b) recommend the steps necessary to ensure the observance of its provisions;
- (c) consider whether any further amendments are necessary.

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

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6.

Hon. Ranil Wickremasinghe

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Rauf Hakeem

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

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

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

- (a) the collection of revenue under Article 148 of the Constitution;
- (b) the payment from the consolidated fund under Article 149(1) of the Constitution;

- (c) the utilization of public funds for specific purposes by law under Article 149(1) of the Constitution;
 - (d) the application of public funds under Article 150(1) and 150(2) of the Constitution;
 - (e) the recessions of appropriations contained in the Appropriations Act, for the current year, the transfer of appropriation and the unexpected balance;
 - (f) the implementation of the Appropriation Act for the current year;
 - (g) public debt and debt service;
 - (h) reports and statements under the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act, No. 2 of 2003.
3. The Committee shall from time to time report to Parliament matters arising from the matters referred to in paragraph 2.
 4. The Committee shall present within 6 weeks of the tabling of the Budget Estimates of the Bill a Report on the estimates including whether the money is well laid out within the limits of Government policy.
 5. The Committee shall present before Parliament within 04 days after the presentation of the Budget and the Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill a Report on the fiscal, financial and economic assumptions used as bases in arriving at total estimated expenditures and receipts.

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7.

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

This Parliament resolves that,

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

1. International Relations

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

2. National Security

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

3. Agriculture and Lands

Including Plantation Industries, Mahaweli Authority, Land and Irrigation

4. Human Resources and Culture

Including Education, Training, Youth, Sports, Culture and Religious Affairs

5. Human Settlement and Energy

Urban and Rural Infrastructure, Highways, Roads, Railway, Shipping, Aviation, Posts and Telecommunications

6. Human Welfare

Including Health, Social Welfare, Poverty Alleviation, Disabled, Senior Citizens and Child Welfare

7. Internal Administration

8. Environment and Natural Resources

Including Water Management, Aquatic Resources, Exclusive Economic Zone and Fisheries

9. Legal and Women's Affairs

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

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

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

- (i) its analysis, appraisal and evaluation of -
 - (a) the application, administration, executive and effectiveness of legislations passed by Parliament; and
 - (b) conditions and circumstances that may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation; and
 - (ii) its formulation, consideration, and enactment or changes in laws, and of such additional legislation as may be necessary or appropriate.
- (b) In order to determine whether laws, projects and programmes addressing subjects within the jurisdiction of a committee are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of Parliament and whether they should be continued, curtailed, or eliminated, each standing committee shall review and study on a continuing basis-
- (i) the application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of legislation projects and programmes addressing subjects within its jurisdiction;
 - (ii) the organization and operation of Departments and Institutions having responsibilities for the administration and execution of legislation projects and programmes addressing subjects within its jurisdiction;
 - (iii) any conditions or circumstances that may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation addressing subjects within its jurisdiction (whether or not a bill or resolution has been introduced with respect thereto); and
 - (iv) future research and forecasting on subjects within its jurisdiction.
- (c) Each Committee may conduct at any time such investigations and studies as it considers necessary or appropriate in the exercise of its responsibilities.
- (d) Not later than six weeks after the commencement of the first session of Parliament, each Standing Committee shall, adopt its oversight plan for that Parliament. Such plan shall be submitted to the Committee on Parliament Business. In developing its plan each committee shall, to the maximum extent feasible-
- (i) consult with other committees that have jurisdiction over the same or related legislation projects, programmes, or agencies within its jurisdiction with the objective of ensuring maximum coordination and cooperation among committees when conducting reviews of such legislation projects, programmes, or agencies and include in its plan an explanation of steps that have been or will be taken to ensure such coordination and cooperation;

- (ii) review specific problems with Government rules, regulations, statutes and court decisions that are ambiguous, arbitrary or nonsensical, or that impose severe financial burdens on individuals;
 - (iii) give priority consideration to including in its plan the review of those legislation projects, programmes, or agencies operating under permanent budget authority or permanent statutory authority; and
 - (iv) have a view toward ensuring that all significant legislation projects, programmes, or agencies within its jurisdiction are subject to review every 10 years.
 - (e) Not later than nine weeks after the commencement of the first session of Parliament, the Committee on Parliamentary Business shall report to the Parliament the oversight plans submitted by committees together with any recommendations that it, may make to ensure the most effective coordination of oversight plans and otherwise to achieve the objectives of this sub clause.
3. (a) The Parliament may refer any item to any Oversight Standing Committee.
- (b) A Minister may refer any matter to the relevant Oversight Standing Committee having jurisdiction over the subject, function, department or institution coming under the Minister.
4. (a) The Speaker shall refer each Bill, regulation, resolution or other matter that relates to a subject listed under an Oversight Standing Committee named under Paragraph 1(a) above in accordance with the provisions of this Standing Order.
- (b) The Speaker shall refer matters under paragraph 4 (a) in such manner as to ensure to the maximum extent feasible that each committee that has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1(a) over the subject matter of a provision thereof may consider such provision and report to Parliament thereon.
- (c) In carrying out paragraphs (a) and (b) with respect to the referral of a matter, the Speaker:-
- (i) shall designate a committee of primary jurisdiction;
 - (ii) may refer the matter to one or more additional committees for consideration initially or after the matter has been reported by the committee of primary jurisdiction for its opinion;
 - (iii) may subject a referral to appropriate time limitations; and
 - (iv) may make such other provision as may be considered appropriate.
- (d) The opinion shall deal solely with those matters that fall under the areas of responsibility of the Committee giving an opinion.
- (e) The Committee of Primary Jurisdiction shall fix a deadline within which the Committee asks for an opinion and must deliver if it to be taken into account in the Committee of Primary Jurisdiction.

5. (a) Each Committee when acting in the exercise of its jurisdiction shall submit to the Speaker a report in respect of each item considered by the Committee. The Speaker shall cause such report to be tabled before Parliament.
- (b) (i) Any Report by a Committee on any Bill or regulation shall comprise draft amendments if any to the proposal accompanied, if appropriate by short justifications.
- (ii) Any such amendment to a Bill will be submitted by the Speaker to Parliament during the Committee stage of such Bill under SO 56 as an amendment moved by the Chairman of the Committee or such other member designated by the Committee.
- (iii) Any such amendment to a regulation will be submitted by the Speaker as an amendment moved by the Chairman of the Committee or such other member designated by the Committee.
- (c) The Parliament may by motion approve the recommendations of any non-legislative report placed before Parliament.
6. (a) Each Standing Committee will prepare a calendar of its meetings and submit it to the Speaker.
- (b) Each Standing Committee will meet not less than two days of the month. The meetings of each Standing Committee will be summoned in accordance with the calendar/timetable upon its approval by the Speaker.
- (c) Additional meetings of any Standing Committee shall be summoned either at the request of Parliament or at the request of half the members of the Standing Committee.
- (d) One third of the Members of Parliament may in writing request that any Standing Committee submit a report on the progress of any matter referred to such Committee provided that 8 weeks has passed after such referral. Upon receiving such request, such Standing Committee shall within two weeks submit a Report to Parliament. Such Report shall be tabled in Parliament.
7. Every Standing Committee will function for the duration of Parliament.
8. (a) All Members of Parliament other than the following are eligible to serve as Members of Standing Committees:
 - (i) Speaker
 - (ii) Deputy Speaker
 - (iii) Deputy Chairman of Committees
 - (iv) Prime Minister

- (v) Leader of the House
 - (vi) Leader of the Opposition
 - (vii) Ministers of Cabinet appointed under Article 44(1) of the Constitution
 - (viii) Ministers appointed under Article 45(1) of the Constitution t h e subjects and functions of whose Ministries do not come within the purview of a Minister of the Cabinet or is not d e l e g a t e d subjects and functions under Article 45(4).
- (b) Every eligible member shall serve as a Member of one Standing Committee. Deputy Ministers and Ministers not falling under Paragraph 8 (a)(viii) shall not serve in any Standing Committee whose jurisdiction and related functions are the same as any subject, function, Department or Institution of the Minister of the Cabinet under whose purview such Deputy Minister or Minister functions.
- (c) (i) The Speaker shall prepare a list of eligible members.
- (ii) The places in each Standing Committee will be allocated by the Speaker to political parties and independent groups represented in Parliament according to the numerical strength amongst the list of eligible members.
- (d) The Leaders of the Parties or of the Independent Groups in Parliament shall submit the nomination of members of each Standing Committee to the Speaker. The Speaker shall announce such names to Parliament in consultation with the Committee of Selection.
- (e) The Leader of any Party or Independent Group in Parliament may in writing request the Speaker to remove any such member nominated under paragraph 8(d) from such Committee. The Speaker shall on receiving such request remove such member from such Committee after informing Parliament.
- (f) (i) Each Standing Committee shall at its first meeting and thereafter at the first meeting after the post of Chairman becomes vacant elect a Chairman of the Standing Committee.
- (ii) A Minister or a Deputy Minister shall not be eligible to be elected as a Chairman of a Standing Committee.
- (g) Any Member who absents himself from three consecutive meetings of the Committee shall be deemed to have vacated his membership of the Committee.
9. Each Oversight Standing Committee may when it considers necessary appoint Sub Committees of its own members to examine and report to such Committee such matters as deemed necessary.

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

Provided that such Bill has been approved by 2/3 of the total Members of the Oversight Standing Committee and recorded so with the names.
- (b) After the Bill is read the first time and ordered to be Printed, the Speaker shall refer such Bill to the Cabinet of Ministers and no further proceedings shall be taken until the Cabinet of Ministers submits a Report to Parliament.
- (c) After the Cabinet of Ministers have submitted a Report to Parliament or after the expiry of two months from the date the Bill was referred to the Cabinet of Ministers, the Bill shall be set down for Second Reading.
13. (a) Every Standing Committee shall be empowered to send for persons, papers and records and shall submit Reports containing their opinions and observations together with the minutes of evidence taken before them to Parliament.
- (b) A reservation by any member of a Standing Committee may be attached to any Report of such Committee.
14. (a) Whenever the Report of a Standing Committee recommends the enactment of legislation referred to in Article 152 of the Constitution, the Cabinet of Ministers shall submit its opinion to Parliament within 3 months of such report being tabled in Parliament.

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

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Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
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Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Hunais Farook
Hon. S.C. Mutukumarana

Hon. Y. G. Padmasiri
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. R. Duminda Silva
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Udith Lokubandara
Hon. Rohana Dissanayake
Hon. Eric Prasanna Weerawardhana
Hon. A. M. Chamika Buddhadasa
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Dilum Amunugama
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera
Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Janaka Bandara
Hon. Sarath Kumara Gunaratne
Hon. V. K. Indika
Hon. Neranjan Wickremasinghe
Hon. Perumal Rajathurai
Hon. Lalith Dissanayake
Hon. (Alhaj) A. H. M. Azwer
Hon. A. P. Jagath Pushpakumara
Hon. Hemal Gunasekera
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Wijaya Dahanayake
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana
Hon. (Dr.) Mervyn Silva
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. Gunaratne Weerakoon
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe
Hon. Athauda Seneviratne

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Nandimithra Ekanayake
Hon. J. R. P. Suriyapperuma
Hon. Tissa Karalliyadda
Hon. (Miss) Kamala Ranathunga
Hon. Felix Perera
Hon. Vinayagamoorthis Muralidaran
Hon. Neomal Perera
Hon. Gitanjana Gunawardena
Hon. H.R. Mithrapala
Hon. Jayarathne Herath
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithra Devi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Risad Badhiutheen
Hon. (Mrs) Malani Fonseka
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Sanee Rohana Kodithuvakku
Hon. Victor Antony
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekara
Hon. (Dr.) Rohana Pushpa Kumara
Hon. A. R. M. Abdul Cader
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. Dayasritha Thissera
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. Sanath Jayasuriya
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire into and report on the conduct of the Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana , Member of Parliament in violation of the Constitution of the Republic of Sri Lanka,—

Whereas reports have been received to the effect that the Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Committee shall have the power to—

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

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

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Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members,

(c) That its Report of shall be presented to Parliament within three months of its first meeting or any such period as extended by Parliament.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

* *Indicates Government Business*