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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1894/11

1.

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

- (a) Is he aware that eventhough construction of a green city and a green sports complex was started under the Makandura town development plan implemented by the Pannala Pradeshiya Sabha of Kurunegala District, its construction work has been stopped halfway at present?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for stopping the construction work; and
 - (ii) the institution or institutions which provided funds for the aforesaid construction; and
 - (iii) the amount of money allocated for that purpose?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether construction work of the green city and the green sports complex will be recommenced; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done ?
- (d) If not, why?

1935/11

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the supplier or suppliers of inferior quality petrol and other petroleum products to Sri Lanka during the period of May–July, 2011;
 - (ii) as to how the Ministry is excluded from the scam of importing inferior petroleum products ;
 - (iii) number of consumers affected by using sub-standard petrol;
 - (iv) the names of the customers who made the complaints regarding the damages caused by the sub-standard petrol;
 - (v) the amount compensated to each affected consumer separately;
 - (vi) the number of filling stations of which machineries were affected by sub-standard petrol; and
 - (vii) as to how those filling stations are compensated?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the concerned parties, who exposed this racket of inferior quality petrol to the public would be given a handsome bonus?
- (c) If not, why?

2139/11

3.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the date on which Mr. Prageeth Ekneligoda, Journalist went missing;
 - (ii) whether he is alive;
 - (iii) whether a statement to the effect that Mr. Prageeth Ekneligoda is alive, has been made by Mr. Mohan Pieris who appeared before the International Committee Against Torture on behalf of the government;
 - (iv) if such a statement has been made, whether the country or the area where he is living will be mentioned;and
 - (v) the measures that will be taken to repatriate him, if he has gone abroad?

(3)

(b) If the statement made by Mr. Mohan Pieris before the aforesaid Committee was false, will he also state the measures that will be taken regarding the serious disgrace caused to the country through the release of such false information by a person who has held a distinguished post in a superior institution of the country?

(c) If not, why?

2210/12

4.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(3)

(a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the Janasevana Programme of “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto that the full ownership of the two perch plot of land provided for construction of houses under the Urban Housing Scheme for low-income families, would be given to the current residents of such lands?

(b) Will he inform this House of the number of families that have got the full ownership of two perch land by now, under the aforesaid programme ?

(c) If not, why ?

2531/12

5.

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

(a) Will he state—

(i) the hospitals attached to the Medical faculties in Sri Lanka with Professor Units for clinical training;

(ii) separately, the number of Professors, Medical Specialists, Doctors reading for post graduate studies (Senior Registrars and Registrars) and Senior Medical Officers attached to each Professor Unit as at 31st March 2012; and

(iii) separately, the operating theatres available for the relevant activities in each Professor Unit?

(4)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the date on which the Professor Unit of the Anuradhapura General Hospital assigned for clinical training of the Rajarata University, was opened ;
- (ii) the number of medical students who are undergoing training at that Professor Unit at present;
- (iii) whether sufficient doctors, operating theatres, wards and equipment and staff required to maintain them are available at the above mentioned unit for the purpose of providing training to the undergraduates who are undergoing training there; and
- (iv) if not, the time to be taken to fulfill those basic necessities ?

(c) If not, why?

2548/12

6.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, at district level, of the number of complaints of rape, sexual harassment and child abuse received by the Sri Lanka Police from the year 2009 up to now; and
- (ii) of the number of complaints regarding which investigations have been completed out of the number of complaints mentioned in a (i) above ?

(b) If not, why?

2831/12

7.

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether there are any policies being implemented by the government to assist the widows in Sri Lanka to become economically stable;
- (ii) if so, the policies being implemented as such;
- (iii) whether there is any action being taken in order to assist those women in re-integrate with the society; and
- (iv) if so, the plan to be implemented in that regard?

(b) If not, why?

8.

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether tenders were called through a paper advertisement published on 19th December 2011 to lease out a two-storey building that belongs to the Nuwara Eliya Multipurpose Co-operative Society;
- (ii) if so, the values of the bids that have been submitted; and
- (iii) the facts that are taken into consideration and given priority when tenders are called according to the accepted tender procedure ?

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) bids with the values of Rs. 320,000/- and Rs. 355,000/- had been submitted to obtain the lease of the aforesaid building;
- (ii) the aforesaid building has been given to a person who has not even submitted a tender application;
- (iii) an irregularity has taken place when the aforesaid building was leased out; and
- (iv) as a result of the aforesaid building being given in an irregular manner the applicants have been caused an injustice and the relevant Co-operative Society has incurred a loss?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) the reason for not giving the building for the highest bid;
- (ii) the amount of money charged by the Co-operative Society from the person who have been given the building at present;
- (iii) whether action will be taken to conduct a proper investigation into the aforesaid irregularity and cause justice to the tenderers; and
- (iv) if so, the period of time that will be taken for that ?

(d) If not, why ?

9.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, of the number of supplementary estimates presented under each ministry from the year 2010 up to 31 December 2011 and their financial value ?

(6)

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether supplementary allocations made from the budgetary support services and emergency liabilities project under the Head of Expenditure No.240 of the Department of National Budget have been presented in Parliament from the year 2010 up to 31 December 2011; and
 - (ii) if so, the number of such supplementary allocations ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House separately in respect of each supplementary allocation made during the above period—
- (i) the date on which provisions were made;
 - (ii) the value of each provision;
 - (iii) the number of the Head of Expenditure under which supplementary provisions were obtained;
 - (iv) ministry/department unit of expenditure; and
 - (v) the reason for the allocation of provision ?
- (d) Will he also state the reasons that prompted the seeking of provisions through the supplementary allocations made under the Head of Expenditure No. 240 instead of presenting supplementary estimates ?
- (e) If not, why ?

3172/12

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions coming under the Marudankeni Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) of the number of Grama Niladharis serving in those Divisions; and
 - (iii) whether speedy action will be taken to fill the Grama Niladhari vacancies exist in these areas where resettlement activities are under way ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Grama Niladhari vacancies exist in 15 Divisional Secretariat Divisions of the Jaffna Administrative District; and
 - (ii) separately, of the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions which do not have a permanent Grama Niladharis and are currently under acting Grama Niladharis in each of the Divisional Secretariat Division in Jaffna District at present ?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of milk bars established by the North-Central Provincial Council in Anuradhapura District;
- (ii) the locations where the aforesaid milk bars have been established;
- (iii) the money spent on one such milk bar;
- (iv) whether photographs of other people in addition to those of cattle are exhibited in the aforesaid milk bars; and
- (v) if so, of whom those photographs are ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of the aforesaid milk bars which have been opened for the use of the public by now;
- (ii) the number of milk bars that have been closed down without making any use;
- (iii) the number of staff that has been recruited for the maintenance of these milk bars;
- (iv) from which basis the aforesaid staff appointments have been made, out of the bases of permanent, temporary and on service requirement; and
- (v) the institutions that provide milk for these milk bars ?

(c) If not, why?

2143/11

12.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the private sector people who gave the funds to the government to finance the Commonwealth Games in Hambantota ; and
- (ii) the number and the names of the persons brought here to solicit their support to hold the aforesaid Games in Sri Lanka?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of persons went overseas to solicit their support to Sri Lanka ;
- (ii) the names of them ; and
- (iii) the total cost incurred?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) the number of persons went to St. Kitts in November 2011 ;
- (ii) the names of the persons went ;
- (iii) the total cost for the return trip ;
- (iv) the cost of the charter flight mentioned ; and
- (v) as to how Sri Lanka lost the hosting of Commonwealth Games after being so confident of winning?

(d) If not, why?

2148/11

13.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, of the number of employees recruited to the National Lotteries Board in each of the years during the period from the year 2005 to date;
- (ii) of the approved cadre of the aforesaid institution;
- (iii) of the shortage or the excess of the staff existing at the aforesaid institution;
- (iv) of the reasons if recruitments have been made exceeding the approved cadre; and
- (v) of the name and designation of the person in authority who granted approval for the recruitment of excess staff ?

(b) If not, why?

2223/12

14.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “Samata Niwasak - Hithata Sevanak” programme of Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the future manifesto that an initial capital of Rs. 5 billion would be allocated by the forthcoming budget to construct 20 flats comprising of 40,000 housing units in Colombo and suburbs with a view to solving the housing problems of the slum dwellers in the Colombo city ?

(9)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the year in which Rs. 5 billion was allocated by the budget in accordance with the above pledge;
 - (ii) of the number of flats of which the construction work has been started by now using the above mentioned allocations;
 - (iii) the number of flats of which the construction work has been completed by now; and
 - (iv) the number of families that have been settled in the flats of which the construction work has been completed by now?
- (c) If not, why?

2980/12

15.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) an urgent recruitment of a group of nearly 400 substitute labourers have been made by the Railway Department without issuing any public notification or calling for applications; and
 - (ii) recruiting more substitute labourers to the Department of Railway which already has a substantial cadre would make the aforesaid Department an institution that incurs further losses?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the procedure followed when recruiting additional cadre for the Department of Railway in the aforesaid manner;
 - (ii) of the officer under whose supervision that such a large number of employees were attached to the Department; and
 - (iii) whether a formal inquiry will be held regarding the officers involved in the recruitment of the aforesaid staff?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Defence Services Command and Staff College (Amendment) Bill—
Second Reading.

*2.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*3.

Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*5.

Finance Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

Betting and Gaming Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*7.

Tax Appeals Commission (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*8.

Notaries (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*9.

Registration of Documents (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*10.

Powers of Attorney (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*11.

Fiscal Management (Responsibility) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*12.

Strategic Development Projects (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*13.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*14.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 3C of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, as last amended by Act, No. 17 of 2011 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1793/5 of 15th January 2013, which was presented on 07.03.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1794/9 of 22nd January 2013, which was presented on 07.03.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1794/10 of 22nd January 2013, which was presented on 07.03.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution,— That this Parliament determines that the salary of Mr. H.A.S. Samaraweera, the incumbent Auditor-General appointed with effect from 15.08.2011 shall be as follows in terms of Article 153(2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

That this Parliament further determines that Mr. H.A.S. Samaraweera, Auditor-General shall be placed on the salary point of Rs. 48,940/- which is the 2nd step in the salary scale of SL-4-2006, with effect from 15.08.2011 when he was appointed to the said post and that he be paid the other allowances relevant to the post and such annual salary increments as specified in the salary scale.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*21.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

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

*23.

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

24.

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

25.

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

26.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

27.

Bodhirajarama Educational and Cultural Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

28.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*

Wednesday, April 10, 2013
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1958/11

1.

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

- (a) Is he aware that due to the current shortage of physical resources at Chilaw General Hospital situated in Puttlam District, the people of the area face severe difficulties in obtaining health services?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to address the shortcomings that exist at Chilaw General Hospital speedily and improve health facilities provided to the people of that area;
 - (ii) whether plans have been made for that purpose by now; and
 - (iii) if so, whether the necessary provisions have been allocated?
- (c) If not, why?

2201/11

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of houses built in Kalutara District by the Ministry in the year 2011;
 - (ii) the number of houses expected to be constructed in the years 2012, 2013 and 2014; and
 - (iii) the amount of money allocated for the aforesaid constructions of houses?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the newly built houses are given free;
 - (ii) if not, the price at which those houses are sold or rented; and
 - (iii) the basis on which those houses are allocated?
- (c) If not, why?

2282/12

3.

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

- (a) Will he state separately, in relation to each year during the period from the year 2009 to 2011—
 - (i) the total amount of money spent on conducting the Perahera of the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic in Kandy;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on Kandy Perahera out of the funds of the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic;
 - (iii) the amount of money received as donations from the government institutions for the aforesaid purpose;
 - (iv) the names of the government institutions which donated money and the amount of money donated by each of those institutions;
 - (v) the amount of money received from the institutions of the private sector; and
 - (vi) the names of the private sector institutions that donated money and the amount of money donated by each of those institutions ?
- (b) If not, why?

2328/12

4.

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

- (a) Is he aware that Police Security Assistants who perform the same type of duties performed by the Police Officers have been confirmed in the service of Sri Lanka Police Department and made entitled to pensions ?
- (b) Will he state whether —
 - (i) the confirmation of the service of the Police Security Assistants was done in conformity to the recruitment procedure of the Police Department ;
 - (ii) they will be provided with a proper uniform and the permission for reporting duties in the note book during duty hours be granted to them;
 - (iii) salary increments, zonal allowances, transport allowances, difficult area service allowance and bata which the Police officers are entitled to have been paid to them from the date of confirmation of service; and
 - (iv) steps will be taken to grant them those privileges, if they have not been paid ?
- (c) If not, why?

2969/12

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) over 200 schools of this country were closed down during the past 7 months ;
 - (ii) there are another 1590 schools facing imminent closure ; and
 - (iii) although the government had stated that schools with modern facilities categorization scheme, not a single such school can be seen?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the schools that were categorized by the government ;
 - (ii) the number of schools that have been renovated under the aforementioned categorization ; and
 - (iii) the amount of money allocated for each school under the above categorization?
- (c) Will he also state whether action will be taken to prevent the closure of government schools, which ensure the maximum enjoyment of equal rights of free education for children and to modernize them and make them available to posterity?
- (d) If not, why ?

1961/11

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the people in the Agunakolapelessa area are greatly inconvenienced owing to the severe dearth of physical and human resources in the Agunakolapelessa district hospital; and
 - (ii) a number of buildings of this hospital has been abandoned due to lack of repair?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it has been planned to provide the Agunakolapellessa district hospital with the required facilities soon;
 - (ii) whether required provisions have been allocated for that purpose; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which the reconstruction activities of the hospital will be started?

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether the shortage of employees prevailing at this hospital has been identified;
 - (ii) accordingly, the number of vacancies that exist in each division separately;
 - (iii) the date on which arrangements will be made to fill those vacancies?
- (d) If not, why?

2330/12

7.

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the Civil Security Department has been established as per Cabinet decision No.16/1395/206/052 dated 02.08.2006, to assist the Sri Lanka Police Service;
 - (ii) Civil Security Officers have acted with total commitment when a war situation prevailed, at ceremonies of national importance and in various disaster situations; and
 - (iii) it has been stated that the officers who had completed 180 days of uninterrupted service by 31.10.2009 would be confirmed speedily as per the Circular issued by the Civil Security Department on 15.12.2009 ?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number employed in the Civil Security Service at present;
 - (ii) the daily wages paid to each category of officers currently serving in various fields of that service;
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to confirm the employees of the aforesaid Department who are serving for daily wages, place them on a permanent salary scale and grant them all the privileges that public officers are entitled to; and
 - (iv) the time frame required for that?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether an Investigation Officer has been appointed for investigating the frauds and malpractices that have taken place in the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which he was appointed;
 - (iii) the person in authority who made the aforesaid appointment ;
 - (iv) the salary and allowances paid to the aforesaid officer monthly and the other facilities which that officer is entitled to;
 - (v) the frauds and malpractices investigated by the aforesaid officer from the date of appointment up to now;
 - (vi) the action taken in relation to those frauds and malpractices; and
 - (vii) the date on which his period of service will end?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) as to when providing of uniform materials to school children was started; and
 - (ii) by whom that programme was started?
- (b) Will he also state, in the year 2011 and 2012—
 - (i) the number of students benefited by the programme;
 - (ii) the amount of funds allocated to this program; and
 - (iii) the actual amount spent on this programme?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether materials given for school uniforms are locally produced or imported?
- (d) If not, why?

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2315/12

1. Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Labour Relations,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) Act of 1958 was amended on the 18th of January 2012; and
 - (ii) the amendment was done so as to utilize the money in EPF for buying a land and construction of a building ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the total cost estimated for the aforesaid building;
 - (ii) the estimated cost per square foot of the building;
 - (iii) the names of the tenderers bided for construction of that building and the bid value of each tenderer separately; and
 - (iv) the person responsible for projecting the requirement of that building to be 35 floors?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) as to why the EPF is wasted on building constructions; and
 - (ii) the reason for not using state funds for the above purpose?
- (d) If not, why?

2459/12

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

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

(b) Will he state—

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

(c) If not, why?

2508/12

3.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of tanks belonging to Welioya Project implemented under Mahaweli “L” zone in Wannu District ;
- (ii) the names of the aforesaid tanks ;
- (iii) separately, the acreage of paddy fields cultivated with the waters of each of the tanks;
- (iv) separately, the Grama Niladhari Divisions in which the paddy lands cultivated under each of the tanks are situated ; and
- (v) the number of relevant farming families?

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) the farmers carrying out cultivations under the Welioya Project have been compelled to limit their cultivation to only one season as sufficient water is not received ; and
- (ii) they are facing grave difficulties as a result?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the courses of action taken to solve the issue that has arisen due to scarcity of irrigated water in the Welioya Project ; and
- (ii) of the period of time it would take to put these courses of action in to effect?

(d) If not, why ?

2539/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of—
 - (i) the number of foreign tours made by each member of the Board of Directors and the Chairman of the Sri Lankan Airlines from the year 2009 up to now;
 - (ii) the countries visited in each of the aforesaid tours and the objectives and the outcome of each of them; and
 - (iii) the amounts of money spent on each of the persons who took part in each of those tours ?
- (b) If not, why?

2637/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of tsunami information towers installed in the sea around Sri Lanka to obtain information in the event of a tsunami and the amount of money spent for their installation; and
 - (ii) the date of installation, the institution that retrieve information from them and the time taken to effect Sri Lanka after the relevant institution becoming aware of an oncoming tsunami through the said towers ?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether information was obtained through our tsunami towers to the effect that the tsunami situation that occurred in Sumatra on or around 11.04.2012 could affect Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if not, the way in which the relevant information was obtained to make people aware of the said tsunami situation; and
 - (iii) as per (b) (ii) above, if information was received through other means, the purpose of setting up tsunami towers to obtain information on tsunami by Sri Lanka ?
- (c) If not, why ?

6.

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the process to select suppliers of surgical gloves used in hospitals ;
 - (ii) the names and designations of persons making decisions on purchase of surgical gloves;
 - (iii) the standard clauses in supply contract in relation to the date of delivery, period of delivery, and failure to supply the product within the agreed time; and
 - (iv) the amount allocated and spent on the purchase of surgical gloves for the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, separately?
- (b) Will he admit that —
 - (i) a fraud regarding the purchase of surgical gloves has been revealed in a preliminary investigation; and
 - (ii) this fraud has been referred to the Ministry of Finance and Planning for further investigation?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) the nature of the aforesaid fraud;
 - (ii) the financial loss due to the fraud; and
 - (iii) the results of the investigation, if it was done as (b) (ii) ?
- (d) If not, why ?

7.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Bulathsinhala hospital does not have an adequate number of nurses, health management assistants, medical laboratory technicians, specialist doctors, sanitary labourers, clerks and ambulances; and
 - (ii) the patients have become utterly helpless due to the aforesaid shortages ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of patients who come to the Bulathsinhala hospital per day to obtain treatments;
- (ii) whether a report will be submitted regarding the aforesaid shortcomings ; and
- (iii) whether action will be taken to address all shortcomings in the aforesaid hospital to uplift the health standard of the people in the Bulathsinhala area ?

(c) If not, why ?

3136/12

8.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the period from 30th April to 30th May 2012 was celebrated as “War Heroes’ Month” (“Ranaviru Month”);
- (ii) whether “War Heroes Flags” (“Ranaviru Flags”) were designed in association with the said “War Heroes’ Month”;
- (iii) if so, the expenditure incurred in designing the said War Heroes’ Flags;
- (iv) the amount of income derived from the sale of the War Heroes Flags; and
- (v) the amount of money that was spent to make the War Heroes’ Fund (“Ranaviru Fund”) money tills?

(b) If not, why ?

3196/12

9.

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

(a) Is he aware—

- (i) that a large number of Sri Lankan females and males who have gone to Saudi Arabia as house maids and for other jobs after getting registered in the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau, stay in the “Olaya” detention camp and under the “Jeda Bridge” at present, undergoing immense suffering; and
- (ii) that various factors such as not receiving proper working places, violence and not paying salaries as per the relevant agreement have contributed for that ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether action will be taken to bring the aforesaid group of Sri Lankans to the country immediately ; and
- (ii) whether action will be taken to implement a practical programme which can be executed immediately to uplift the protection, welfare and economy of their families ?

(c) If not, why ?

3201/12

10.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of seed farms coming under the Department of Agriculture;
- (ii) separately, the number of farms conducting research on paddy, other types of grain and other matters out of those farms; and
- (iii) separately, the number of hectares of land belonging to each farm ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the new varieties of crops which were discovered through research conducted between 2005 to 2012 by the Mahailuppallama Field Crop Research and Development Institute;
- (ii) the number of crops which have been introduced to farmers out of those new crops;
- (iii) separately, the new types of paddy which have been introduced by the Bathalagoda Agri Research Institute and other Agri Research Institutes up to now as per each of the institute;
- (iv) the number of varieties of Basmathi rice which have been discovered in Sri Lanka;
- (v) the names of those types of Basmathi rice and the names of the institutions which discovered them;
- (vi) whether there are places from which the seeds of new types of rice, grains, fruits and vegetables that have been discovered up to now, can be purchased; and
- (vii) the names of those places ?

(c) If not, why?

3208/12

11.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware—
 - (i) that there is a place called Tripoly trade centre, Maradana which was initiated by the Ministry of Policy Planning and Implementation in the year 1994;
 - (ii) that the Tripoly trade center building has been constructed using private funds of 21 representatives selected from a group of over 350 traders who ran purchasing centers which were spread island-wide; and
 - (iii) that those traders have been rendered helpless as they are unable to continue their businesses due to the military activities which are being conducted in the area surrounding the aforesaid trade center ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the current custodians of the aforesaid trade center;
 - (ii) of the reasons for continuing to keep the access roads to the aforesaid trade center closed during a period in which even the high security zones are kept open;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid center will be given to its owners to continue their business activities;
 - (iv) if not, whether any other alternatives will be provided; and
 - (v) as to what the alternative will be, if an alternative will be provided ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2318/12

12.

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

- (a) Will he state for the year 2011—
 - (i) the amount spent by the Ministry of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities on the construction of houses ;
 - (ii) the number of houses built up; and
 - (iii) the locations where those houses have been constructed?

- (b) Will he also state for the year 2012—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated for housing; and
 - (ii) the amount that has been spent on the same to date; and
 - (iii) the locations of newly constructed houses ?
- (c) If not, why?

2509/12

13.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of pre-schools conducted in the Sampathnuwara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Northern Province ; and
 - (ii) the villages in which the aforesaid pre-schools are conducted?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he admits that there are a number of shortages of physical resources in the aforesaid pre-schools ;
 - (ii) the measures taken to alleviate the aforesaid shortages ; and
 - (iii) the period of time that will be taken to overcome the aforesaid shortages?
- (c) If not, why ?

2638/12

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the functions performed by the Credit Information Bureau of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of employees working in the aforesaid bureau ; and
 - (iii) the place in which it is located ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a computer software set has been purchased for the aforesaid bureau or arrangements have been made to purchase such a computer software set;
 - (ii) if so, the amount that was spent or that will be spent for it;
 - (iii) the name of the country from which the aforesaid software set was purchased or is expected to be purchased;
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid purchase has been made as per the accepted procedures of the government or arrangements have been made to purchase it in that manner; and
 - (v) the objective of purchasing the aforesaid software set ?
- (c) If not, why?

15

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

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

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1601/11

1.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of cases withdrawn by the Attorney General from 2004/01/01 to date after they were indicted;
 - (ii) the names of the cases and persons indicted and the dates on which those indictments were served; and
 - (iii) the reasons for serving indictments and withdrawing them thereafter ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the cost incurred by the Attorney General's Department for withdrawals of indictments ; and
- (ii) the names of the lawyers who appeared on behalf of the Attorney General's Department for the same ?

(c) If not, why?

1829/11

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) there are many teachers who are actually frustrated as a result of not receiving transfers after the completion of the difficult area service period in the government schools administered by the Morawaka, Kotapola and Pasgoda Divisional Education Offices belonging to the Deniyaya Education Office of the Matara District ; and
- (ii) the quality of teaching of these teachers could decline on account of this reason?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the minimum qualifications need to be fulfilled for transfers as per the decisions of the teacher transfer boards ;
- (ii) of the number of teachers who have sought transfers by now, after the completion of their difficult service period at the above educational zones ;
- (iii) whether a programme has been drawn up for granting them transfers ;
- (iv) what that programme is ; and
- (v) if transfers are given accordingly , the date for same?

(c) If not, why?

2511/12

3. Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the villages in the Sampathnuwara Divisional Secretariat Division to which purified pipe-borne drinking water is supplied ;
- (ii) the names of the villages in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division to which purified pipe-borne drinking water is not supplied ;
- (iii) whether action will be taken to supply purified drinking water to the villages mentioned above ; and
- (iv) if so, the period of time within which purified drinking water will be supplied to those villages?

(b) If not, why ?

2698/12

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the date on which the BTI bacterium was imported to this country from Cuba for the purpose of controlling dengue;
- (ii) of the amount of the aforesaid bacterium imported to this country;
- (iii) of the total amount of money that was spent on the aforesaid purpose; and
- (iv) of the manner in which the aforesaid amount of money was spent ?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the names of the persons who recommended that the BTI bacterium is suitable for the purpose of controlling dengue in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of the amount of the aforesaid bacterium that has been used of for controlling dengue in this country; and
- (iii) of the progress that has been achieved up to now by the use of the aforesaid bacterium for controlling dengue ?

(c) If not, why ?

2870/12

5. Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reasons for terminating the aptitude test implemented by the University of Visual and Performing Arts as an entrance requirement;
 - (ii) whether any discussions were held with the university officials before taking the decision to terminate the aforesaid aptitude test ;
 - (iii) if not, the reason for not having such a discussion ; and
 - (iv) if so, the stance taken by the university officials in respect to terminating the aptitude test as an entrance requirement ?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether the Ministry or the University Grants Commission received petitions from applicants that the aptitude test is corrupt on the basis that lecturers are partial to applicants whom they are in good terms with ;
 - (ii) if so, as to why there has been no investigation or inquiry in this regard; and
 - (iii) whether the Ministry had attempted to improve the transparency of the aforesaid test?
- (c) If not, why?

2984/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Muslims of the Northern Province, displaced owing to the war, have returned to their original villages as they were promised of necessary registration and infrastructure facilities;
 - (ii) no step has been taken so far to provide nearly 32,000 such families with necessary registration, infrastructure and educational facilities; and
 - (iii) matters relevant this issue have been raised at nearly 1400 rounds of discussion held by now ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of displaced Muslims who have returned to their original villages in the year 2012;
- (ii) out of those returnees, the number that has been registered by now;
- (iii) the reason for not effecting the necessary registration and not providing infrastructure facilities despite the required financial allocations being provided by Non-government Organizations for the purpose of resettling the displaced Muslims; and
- (iv) whether arrangements will be made to register them and provide them with the necessary facilities before a foreign country intervenes to solve this problem ?

(c) If not, why?

3137/12

7.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the names of the prisoners who were sentenced to death and released by a presidential pardon as per the Article 34 of the Constitution during the period from the year 2005 to 01.06.2012;
- (ii) of the period of time that each of the aforesaid prisoner had “served the death sentence”; and
- (iii) of the date on which each of the aforesaid prisoner was released ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the persons who were convicted of homicide;
- (ii) the names of the persons who were convicted for heroin trafficking or keeping heroin in their possession; and
- (iii) the names of the prisoners and the offences committed by them who do not belong to the either of the aforesaid two categories if there are any;

among the prisoners who were given presidential pardon by the incumbent President as per the Article 34 of the Constitution ?

(c) If not, why?

3173/12

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of cases of abuse committed against women and children in Sri Lanka in each year from 2009 up to now, separately ?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the aforesaid crimes have increased rapidly into an uncontrollable level;
 - (ii) the Sri Lanka Police show a sluggish interest in bringing the relevant criminals to book;
 - (iii) the accused of most of the aforesaid child and women abuse cases are politicians who have connections with the government; and
 - (iv) enough action is not taken against them due to that reason ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the steps that have been taken for the prevention of women and child abuses by the relevant Ministry, Department of Probation and Childcare Services and the Child Protection Authority;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to seek the involvement of international organizations such as UNICEF and other non-government organizations operating in the country for the prevention of such crimes; and
 - (iii) if so, the activities carried out in regard to that ?
- (d) If not, why?

3202/12

9.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately —
 - (i) the quantities of B-onion, pumpkin, capsicum, snake-gourd, chillie, tomato, ridged-gourd, cucumber, long bean, papaw, green gram, bitter-gourd and peanut seeds imported annually when importing to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the quantities of seeds imported out of each variety of imported seeds by the private sector and by the Department of Agriculture; and
 - (iii) the price of one kilo of each variety of seed mentioned above?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) separately, the quantity of seeds produced locally from each variety of crop;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid quantities are sufficient to fulfill the local seed requirement; and
- (iii) the price at which seeds could be provided to the farmers if the aforesaid seeds are produced in the local farms ?

(c) If not, why ?

2322/12

10.

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

(a) Will he state separately—

- (i) the total funds allocated to all nine Provincial Councils in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 ; and
- (ii) the Ministries of each Provincial Council that the funds allocated for, in the aforesaid years ?

(b) Will he also state for the years 2010,2011 and 2012 separately—

- (i) the amount of money spent out of the government allocations by each Provincial Council ;
- (ii) the value of expenses made out of the money generated from the Provincial Council itself;
- (iii) the amount of money obtained by the each Provincial Council as government grants and revenue sharing; and
- (iv) as to how the deficit in budgetary requirement of each Provincial Council is met?

(c) Will he inform this House whether the revenue collection method in Provincial Councils has been improved after the arrogation of powers in Central Government to the said Councils?

(d) If, not why?

2445/12

11.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether a plan has been made by the Water Supply and Drainage Board to construct a salinity barrier in the Bandattara area of the Nilwala river;
 - (ii) the objectives expected to be achieved by the construction of this salinity barrier;
 - (iii) if such a barrier is to be constructed, the amount of money estimated to be spent on it;
 - (iv) whether such funds are sought from local or foreign sources;
 - (v) the institution/institutions that provide funds for the construction of the aforesaid barrier and the amount given by each institution separately; and
 - (vi) whether farmers in the Bandattara area complain that crops grown in a large extent of agricultural lands will be affected as a result of the construction of this salinity barrier ?
- (b) If not, why?

2512/12

12.

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

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent on road development activities in Sampathnuwara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Northern Province in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012?
- (b) Is he aware that the road system in the rural areas of the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division is in a state of complete dilapidation at present?
- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) whether action will be taken to provide the total amount of money required for repairing the aforesaid roads ; and
 - (ii) the period of time that will be taken for repairing the aforementioned roads which are in a dilapidated condition?
- (d) If not, why ?

2699/12

13.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the amount of palm oil imported annually during the period from the year 2005 to 2012;
 - (ii) the manner in which the import tax imposed on a kilogramme of palm oil was revised during the aforesaid period;
 - (iii) the reasons for the aforesaid revision of the import taxes on palm oil; and
 - (iv) separately, the retail prices of a kilo of palm oil and coconut oil in the local market at present ?
- (b) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the coconut oil production of Sri Lanka has decreased due to adopting a lenient tax policy on importing palm oil; and
 - (ii) the coconut cultivators do not get a fair price for their products due to the decrease in the coconut oil production ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2985/12

14.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) about 1500 self employed traders who engaged in trading on pavements around Pettah-Fort area have not yet received alternative business locations; and
 - (ii) the traders who engaged in mobile trading using vehicles provided by the “Dimo Batta Project” implemented under the “Divineguma” project for the self-employed traders, face severe difficulties at different occasions due to the action taken by the Traffic Police and Police OICs ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of pavement traders to whom alternative locations have been provided by now;
 - (ii) the number of traders to whom “Dimo Batta” vehicles have been provided under Divineguma project;
 - (iii) whether necessary arrangements will be made to enable them to engage in their trade activities without any hindrance ?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of institutions which have been awarded licenses to import pesticides into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) separately, the quantity of pesticides (insecticides, weedicide, fungicides) which have been imported during the period of time between 2005 to 2012 by each of those institutions; and
 - (iii) the number of institutions which have been banned out of those institutions by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a methodology to check the quality of pesticides before they are imported;
 - (ii) if so, of the aforesaid methodology;
 - (iii) whether there are pesticides which contain arsonic and other harmful substances to man and animals among the imported agro-chemicals;
 - (iv) if so, of the institutions which conduct tests to check the prevalence of those harmful substances;
 - (v) whether the support of the government medical college or the laboratories of the Department of Health is obtained to conduct those tests;
 - (vi) if so, of the names of the aforesaid institutions; and
 - (vii) whether the pesticides are recommended to be used in cultivations after quality certificates are obtained from the above mentioned institutions ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the manner in which the Department of Agriculture is involved in matters related to agro-chemicals; and
 - (ii) of the programme implemented by the Department of Agriculture to educate the farmers regarding the use of agro-chemicals ?
- (d) If not, why ?

Friday, May 10, 2013

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.14/10

1.

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

2.

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

3.

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

4.

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

5.

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

P.20/10

6.

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

P.21/10

7.

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

8.

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

9.

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

10.

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

11.

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

12.

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

13.

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

14.

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

15.

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

16.

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

P.31/10

17.

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

P.32/10

18.

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

19.

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

P.44/10

20.

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

21.

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

22.

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

23.

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

24.

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

25.

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

P.57/10

26.

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

P.59/10

27.

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

28.

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

29.

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

30.

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

31.

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

P.69/10

32.

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

P.77/10

33.

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

P.78/10

34.

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

35.

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

36.

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

37.

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

38.

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

P. 83/10

39.

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

P.84/10

40.

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

P.85/10

41.

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

P.86/10

42.

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

43.

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

44.

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

45.

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

46.

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

P.91/10

47.

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

P.92/10

48.

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

49.

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

50.

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

51.

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

52.

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

P.98/ 10

53.

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

54.

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

P.100/10

55.

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

56.

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

57.

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

58.

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

P.105/10

59.

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

P.108/10

60.

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

61.

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

62.

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

63.

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

64.

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

P.113/10

65.

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

P.114/10

66.

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

67.

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

P.116/10

68.

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

P.118/10

69.

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

P.119/10

70.

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

P.120/10

71.

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

P.127/11

72.

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

P.130/11

73.

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

P.131/11

74.

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

P.132/11

75.

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

P.133/11

76.

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

P.134/11

77.

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

P.138/11

78.

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

P.139/11

79.

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

P.141/11

80.

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

P.142/11

81.

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

P.143/11

82.

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

P.144/11

83

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

P.147/11

84.

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

P.151/11

85.

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

P.152/11

86.

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

P.153/11

87.

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

P.154/11

88.

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

P.155/11

89.

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

P.158/12

90.

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

P.117/10

91.

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

P.159/12

92.

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

P.160/12

93.

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

P.161/12

94.

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

P.162/12

95.

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

P.163/12

96.

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

P.164/12

97.

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

P.165/12

98.

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

P.166/12

99.

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

P.170/12

100.

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

P.171/12

101.

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

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102.

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

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103.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) members.
- (c) That its report shall be presented to Parliament within three (3) months of its first meeting or any such period as extended by Parliament.

3. That the Committee shall have the power to,

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

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2.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) inquire into the reasons for this shortage;
- (b) recommend the short term measures necessary to overcome the situation; and
- (c) recommend the permanent measures necessary to prevent the re-occurrence of this situation in the future.

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

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3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam
Hon. J. Sri Ranga
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake
Hon. Harin Fernando
Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga

Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on the causes of the recurrent flooding of the Colombo City and its suburbs,—

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

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

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

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

And whereas the situation has gone from bad to worse with the passage of time;
And whereas everything tends to be forgotten after the floods have receded;
And whereas this is a most unsatisfactory state of affairs.

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

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

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- 4.
- Hon. Karu Jayasuriya
Hon. John Amaratunga
Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera
Hon. D.M. Swaminadan
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. J. Sri Ranga,— Select Committee of Parliament to review the laws dealing with Elections and to recommend the amendments,—

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

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

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

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

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

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

5.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. (Dr) Jayalath Jayawardana

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. (Mrs) Thalatha Atukorale

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) review the implementation of the provisions of the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution;
 - (b) recommend the steps necessary to ensure the observance of its provisions;
 - (c) consider whether any further amendments are necessary.
- 2.
- (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;

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

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6.

Hon. Ranil Wickremasinghe

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Rauf Hakeem

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

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

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

- (a) the collection of revenue under Article 148 of the Constitution;
- (b) the payment from the consolidated fund under Article 149(1) of the Constitution;
- (c) the utilization of public funds for specific purposes by law under Article 149(1) of the Constitution;
- (d) the application of public funds under Article 150(1) and 150(2) of the Constitution;
- (e) the recessions of appropriations contained in the Appropriations Act, for the current year, the transfer of appropriation and the unexpected balance;
- (f) the implementation of the Appropriation Act for the current year;
- (g) public debt and debt service;
- (h) reports and statements under the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act, No. 2 of 2003.

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

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7.

Hon. Ranil Wickremasinghe

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Rauf Hakeem

Hon. Mangala Samaraweera,— Oversight Standing Committees,—

This Parliament resolves that,

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

1. International Relations

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

2. National Security

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

3. Agriculture and Lands

Including Plantation Industries, Mahaweli Authority, Land and Irrigation

4. Human Resources and Culture

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

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

- (iii) any conditions or circumstances that may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation addressing subjects within its jurisdiction (whether or not a bill or resolution has been introduced with respect thereto); and
 - (iv) future research and forecasting on subjects within its jurisdiction.
 - (c) Each Committee may conduct at any time such investigations and studies as it considers necessary or appropriate in the exercise of its responsibilities.
 - (d) Not later than six weeks after the commencement of the first session of Parliament, each Standing Committee shall, adopt its oversight plan for that Parliament. Such plan shall be submitted to the Committee on Parliament Business. In developing its plan each committee shall, to the maximum extent feasible-
 - (i) consult with other committees that have jurisdiction over the same or related legislation projects, programmes, or agencies within its jurisdiction with the objective of ensuring maximum coordination and cooperation among committees when conducting reviews of such legislation projects, programmes, or agencies and include in its plan an explanation of steps that have been or will be taken to ensure such coordination and cooperation;
 - (ii) review specific problems with Government rules, regulations, statues and court decisions that are ambiguous, arbitrary or nonsensical, or that impose severe financial burdens on individuals;
 - (iii) give priority consideration to including in its plan the review of those legislation projects, programmes, or agencies operating under permanent budget authority or permanent statutory authority; and
 - (iv) have a view toward ensuring that all significant legislation projects, programmes, or agencies within its jurisdiction are subject to review every 10 years.
 - (e) Not later than nine weeks after the commencement of the first session of Parliament, the Committee on Parliamentary Business shall report to the Parliament the oversight plans submitted by committees together with any recommendations that it, may make to ensure the most effective coordination of oversight plans and otherwise to achieve the objectives of this sub clause.
- 3.
 - (a) The Parliament may refer any item to any Oversight Standing Committee.
 - (b) A Minister may refer any matter to the relevant Oversight Standing Committee having jurisdiction over the subject, function, department or institution coming under the Minister.
- 4.
 - (a) The Speaker shall refer each Bill, regulation, resolution or other matter that relates to a subject listed under an Oversight Standing Committee named under Paragraph 1(a) above in accordance with the provisions of this Standing Order.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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8.

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

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

Hon. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon

Hon. Dayasritha Thissera

Hon. Arundika Fernando

Hon. Sanath Jayasuriya

Hon. S. B. Dissanayake

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Committee shall have the power to—

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

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

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9.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya
Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera
Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. John Amaratunga
Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) the background that led to the allegation levelled by the Minister the Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena ; and
- (b) whether any Member of this august Assembly was involved in the aforesaid protest campaign held at the “Heathrow” Airport in England.
- 2 (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members,
- (c) That its Report of shall be presented to Parliament within three months of its first meeting or any such period as extended by Parliament.

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

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10.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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11.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. Palitha Range Bandara

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana

Hon. R. Yogarajan

Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma

Hon. Nirosan Perera

Hon. Abdul Haleem

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) Under which legal provision KP is being held in custody;
 - (b) Whether it is intended to frame charges against KP, and if so —
 - (i) Under what law he be charged,
 - (ii) What offences be included in the charge sheet,
 - (iii) When it is proposed to file charges against him, and
 - (iv) In which Court such charges be framed;
 - (c) Whether requests have been made for his extradition and if so, which countries have made such requests and whether it is proposed to extradite him;
 - (d) The fate and location of the assets of the LTTE which were in the possession of “KP” with particular reference to bullion and ships;
 - (e) The Select Committee should also address itself to the question whether any official or officials are guilty of treacherous conduct and dereliction of duty in holding “KP” without proceeding against him under the laws of the country.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to,—
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;

- (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within One Year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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12.

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage

Hon. Harin Fernando

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) How such a Hedging Agreements totally disadvantageous to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation came to be entered into;
- (b) Who were the officers in the Corporation responsible for these Agreements;
- (c) The total loss to the Corporation as a result of these Hedging Agreements;
- (d) The steps that should be taken to prevent such occurrences in the future;
- (e) What action should be taken against those responsible for the Hedging Agreements;
- (f) Any other matter that the Committee deems appropriate in the circumstances which has a bearing on these matters under consideration.

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

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13.

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera

Hon. Mohan Lal Grero

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. That the Committee shall have the power to :

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

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

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14.

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

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

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

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

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

This Parliament resolves as follows:

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

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

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15.

Hon. Maithripala Sirisena
Hon. Nirmala Kotalawala
Hon. Mohamed Aslam
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. W. B. Ekanayake
Hon. A. R. M. Abdul Cader
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Vinayagamoorthi Muralidaran
Hon. Palany Thigambaram
Hon. Sarana Gunawardena

Hon. Jagath Balasuriya
Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Y. G. Padmasiri
Hon. Sajin De Vass Gunawardena
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Udith Lokubandara
Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe
Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera
Hon. Achala Jagodage
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage
Hon. (Dr.) Rohana Pushpa Kumara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. Sarath Kumara Gunaratne
Hon. Tissa Karalliyadda
Hon. Hemal Gunasekera
Hon. Eric Prasanna Weerawardhana
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Gitanjana Gunawardena
Hon. Reginold Cooray
Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Jayarathne Herath
Hon. Victor Antony
Hon. (Miss) Kamala Ranathunga
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. H.R. Mithrapala

Hon. Rohana Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs) Upeksha Swarnamali
Hon (Mrs) Malani Fonseka
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Piyasena Gamage
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Gamini Wijith Wijithamuni De Zoysa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Risad Badhiutheen
Hon. J. R. P. Suriyapperuma
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne
Hon. S.C. Mutukumarana
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. Rauf Hakeem
Hon. Milroy Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) Mervyn Silva
Hon. A. L. M. Athaulla
Hon. A. M. Chamika Buddhadasa
Hon. Felix Perera
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. M.B. Farook
Hon. Nandimithra Ekanayake,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire into and report on the allegations of abuse of power, misconduct and/or misbehavior that have been leveled against Hon Sarath N Silva, former Chief Justice of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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

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

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

- (a) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Janaka Bandara, former Magistrate, Wellawaya and whether he was compelled and pressurized to tender his resignation,

- (b) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Hiran Ekenayake, former Additional Magistrate, Colombo and whether his services were terminated maliciously.
- (c) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Sunil Lawrence de Costa, former Magistrate,
- (d) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Anura Bandara, former Additional District Judge, Matara,
- (e) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr D M Siriwardena, former Magistrate, Maligakanda
- (f) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Palitha Bandaranayake, former District Judge, Negombo,
- (g) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Prabhath de Silva, former District Judge, Nuwara Eliya,
- (h) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr D M T B Dissanayake, former Magistrate, Kebithigollawa,
- (i) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Harold Wijesiri Liyanage, former Additional Magistrate, Colombo,
- (j) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr K D D K de Abrew, former Magistrate, Morawaka,
- (k) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Y L Dharmasena, former Magistrate, Balapitiya,
- (l) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Nandana Weerasinghe, former Additional Magistrate, Kandy,
- (m) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr A M D S Dikkipitiya, former Magistrate, Kantale,
- (n) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr G D Kulatilake, former District Judge, Elpitiya,
- (o) in addition to the aforementioned, instances where the services of judicial officers has been terminated maliciously,
- (p) whether Hon Sarath N Silva caused the appointment as caretaker of the Judges Institute which was functioning at the official residence of the chief justice at 129, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 07, of a person by the name of Rohana Kumara, against whom several cases were pending,

- (q) the circumstances relating to the formation of The Buddhist Broadcasting Services of which Hon Sarath N Silva is an honorary Director and the decision in CBN Sat case, where the Petitioner Muhunthan Canagey had given a donation of Rs. 65 million to start The Buddhist TV channel,
 - (r) matters connected with the role of Hon Sarath N Silva in the World Bank/ UNDP funded project on modernization of Parliament, democracy and development,
 - (s) whether any other persons are aggrieved as a result of malicious action on the part of Hon Sarath N Silva during his tenure of office as Chief Justice.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than thirty one (31) Members,
3. That the Committee shall have the power to, —
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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16.

Hon. John Amaratunga
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana
Hon. P. Harrison
Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage

Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara Jayasinghe

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva

Hon. Sajith Premadasa

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

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

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

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

And whereas the more prominent among these institutions are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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17.

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

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

And whereas contradictory statements are being made by various parties;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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18.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Hon.(Dr.) Harsha De Silva

Hon. Ajith P. Perera

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee ; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) what was the immediate cause of this riot;
 - (b) what sparks off prison riots so often;
 - (c) what are the long standing issues that effect prison discipline;
 - (d) what steps need to be taken in the short term and the long term to prevent such occurrences;
 - (e) any other matters that the Committee feels are relevant.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.

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

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Hon. Ajith P. Perera
Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Niroschan Perera
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam
Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale
Hon. D. M. Swaminathan
Hon. A. D. Champika Premadasa
Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage
Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— Vote of No Confidence on the Hon. Dilan Perera, Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—

Whereas it is a fact known by all by now, that an under-aged Sri Lankan housemaid Rizana Nafeek was executed in Saudi Arabia following a summary proceeding for a crime for which she was not responsible in any manner ;

And whereas it is also a known fact that the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau which comes under the purview of the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare, the Hon. Dilan Perera, Member of Parliament, totally failed to extend meaningful support of any manner to Rizana Nafeek and as a result she had to die an untimely and tragic death ;

And whereas it is obvious that the Minister, while totally mismanaging these issues is engaged in a futile attempt to shift the blame squarely on the government of Saudi Arabia at a time that he should be directly shouldering the responsibility for this faux pas confining himself only to issuing of statements ;

That this Parliament therefore, resolves that it no longer has faith in the ability of the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare, the Hon. Dilan Perera, Member of Parliament to serve as the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare.

* *Indicates Government Business*
