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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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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 Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 4(3) and Sections 14 and 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969, as amended by the Act, No. 48 of 1985 and the Act, No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1819/32 of 18th July 2013, which were presented on 07.08.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Science and Technology Development (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

Tuesday, September 03, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2609/'12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is in agreement with the comment made on page 70 of the summary of the main Observations and Recommendations of the Report of the Commission of Inquiry on Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation that the provisions available in the Constitution are not sufficient for the judicial review on legislations; and
- (ii) whether he admits the comment in the same report that the time available for proper verification of the constitutionality of a piece of legislation before the Supreme Court, especially in respect of the urgent Bills, is very minimal ?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether attention will be paid to the aforesaid matters and the steps taken to remedy this situation; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which such steps will be initiated ?
- (c) If not, why?

2935/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) an opening ceremony to extend the water supply lines from Bandaththara to Midellawela in the Thihagoda Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara District was held on 28th November 2010 ; and
 - (ii) people in the area complain that pipe borne water has not yet been provided to the area despite the expiry of two years?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether funds have been allocated for the aforesaid drinking water supply scheme ;
 - (ii) if so, the amount so allocated ;
 - (iii) if funds have been allocated, the reasons for abandoning this scheme ;
 - (iv) whether arrangements will be made to resolve the issues hampering this scheme and provide the people in the area with drinking water as early as possible ; and
 - (v) if so, when?
- (c) If not, why ?

2998/'12

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately, on annual basis for the years 2009-2012—
 - (i) the number of incidents of abuses and juvenile delinquency taken place as per each district;
 - (ii) the number of incidents according to their nature; and
 - (iii) the number of girls and boys who have become victims of the relevant incidents?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the number of children whose mother or father has been migrated out of the children who have become victims of such incidents?
- (c) If not, why?

3046/'12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that it has not been possible to collect rates amounting to nearly Rs. 150 crores due to Colombo Municipal Council from public departments, corporations and statutory boards ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the rates due to Colombo Municipal Council from each public department, corporation and statutory board;
 - (ii) the reasons for the Municipal Treasury to take no action up to now to collect the said rates; and
 - (iii) whether speedy action will be taken to collect those rates from the relevant institutions ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3067/'12

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(3)

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

3111/'12

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

- (a) Will he state in relation to the Colombo Stock Exchange—
 - (i) the number of cases of insider dealings that have been inquired and processed from the inception;
 - (ii) the names of such cases, the amounts involved and the final decisions arrived on;
 - (iii) the number of cases involved in market manipulations like 'Pump and Dump'; and
 - (iv) the names of the accused, as to when the inquiries were held and the final decisions arrived on the aforesaid cases?
- (b) Will he also state for the last 5 years—
 - (i) the number of instances in which companies have been suspected on the Stock Exchange;
 - (ii) the names of the suspected companies; and
 - (iii) the reasons for the suspicions on the aforesaid companies?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the existing laws are sufficient enough to overcome the manipulators in Stock Exchange; and
 - (ii) if not, the solutions and the suggestions to resolve the manipulations?
- (d) If not, why ?

3196/'12

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (4)

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

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether action will be taken to bring the aforesaid group of Sri Lankans to the country immediately ; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to implement a practical programme which can be executed immediately to uplift the protection, welfare and economy of their families?
- (c) If not, why?

3359/'12

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

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

3407/'13

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

(a) Will he state separately, the quantity imported and the sum of money spent for importing—

- (i) fishing vessels;
- (ii) equipment required for fishing vessels;
- (iii) fishing vessel engines;
- (iv) fishing nets and materials required for fishing nets; and
- (v) other fishing gear;

related to fishery during the period from the year 2006 to 2012?

(b) Will he also state separately the quantity manufactured and the sum of money spent for manufacturing—

- (i) fishing vessels;
- (ii) equipments required for fishing vessels;
- (iii) fishing vessel engines;
- (iv) fishing nets and materials required for fishing nets; and
- (v) other fishing gear

within the country in the aforesaid period?

(c) If not, why?

3515/'13

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the legal procedure that should be followed by the Local Authorities in spending the money received for solid waste management or recycling project; and
- (ii) the steps that will be taken if an irregularity has been committed by spending money without following the aforesaid procedure ?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Matale Municipal Council has received financial provisions for waste management under a project by the name of “SUNYA” ;
 - (ii) if so, the dates on which the money was granted under the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) the amount of money that has been granted under the aforesaid project; and
 - (iv) the dates on which the project was due to commence and complete ?
- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) whether the waste management project fund has been used for the proposed task; and
 - (ii) the progress of the project up to now ?
- (d) If not, why ?

3595/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount spent by the government on the programme to provide a free mid-day meal to school children, within the last 5 years;
 - (ii) of the persons who make decisions regarding the meal provided to the children;
 - (iii) whether a follow up is done to check proper implementation of the instructions given with relevance to the provision of meals;and
 - (iv) if so, by whom it is done?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that the programme to provide free mid-day meal to school children is being implemented at a satisfactory level; and
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for such admission?
- (c) If not, why?

3634/'13

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (2)

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

3681/'13

Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the steps that have been taken to control the situation, as blocking out and auctioning of fertile coconut cultivations has resulted in the reduction of the local production of coconut and in the increase of the price of coconut from time to time;
 - (ii) the steps that have been taken to encourage small scale coconut cultivation owners;
 - (iii) the methodology adopted when granting the coconut subsidy; and
 - (iv) the concessions granted to small scale estate owners who are entering into coconut cultivation anew?
- (b) If not, why?

3698/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform the House—
 - (i) whether a fuel adjustment surcharge was added to the electricity bills in the year 2012;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the fuel adjustment surcharge was imposed;
 - (iii) of the reasons for imposing that fuel adjustment surcharge;
 - (iv) the incomes which were earned by the Ceylon Electricity Board in each month since the fuel adjustment surcharge was imposed, separately;
 - (v) whether the fuel adjustment surcharge is still charged; and
 - (vi) if not, the date on which that charging was terminated ?
- (b) If not, why ?

3773/'13

Hon. Vijitha Berugoda,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the objective of the programme known as 'Adding Value on Agricultural products and promoting sales of agricultural products by minimizing post-harvest damage in the process of supplies' implemented from the year 2005 to date;
 - (ii) the function performed under that programme; and
 - (iii) the relieves accrued to the people through that?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the services and contributions obtained from the National Universities for the development and sustainability of agriculture; and
 - (ii) as to what the programme known as 'S.2KR 2010-2012' means?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, September 04, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2613/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is a proposed irrigation project under the name Mahamadagalla Wewa in Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) of the date on which the foundation stone was laid for the aforesaid irrigation project;
 - (iii) of the reasons for not implementing the aforesaid project to date;
 - (iv) whether it is expected to implement the aforesaid project in the future; and
 - (v) if so, the date on which it will be done ?
- (b) If not, why?

2787/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House as to when Mr. Sarath Fonseka was released?
- (b) Will he state whether—
 - (i) the aforesaid pardon was conditional or unconditional ;
 - (ii) the pension rights and military titles of Mr. Fonseka were restored;
 - (iii) he could still be referred to as 'General';
 - (iv) there are anymore pending cases in court against Mr. Fonseka; and
 - (v) the pending cases are nullified by the presidential pardon?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of police and military personnel either persecuted or terminated owing to assisting or working with Mr. Sarath Fonseka;
 - (ii) whether those officers have now been restored or compensated; and
 - (iii) if not, the reasons ?

- (d) Will he also state pertaining to the release of Mr. Sarath Fonseka—
- (i) the persons negotiated ;
 - (ii) the countries applied pressure and as to when it happened; and
 - (iii) as to why the mediations of political and religious leaders were not considered ?
- (e) If not why ?

2934/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) a canal and a road which are not necessary for a number of fertile paddy lands are being made destroying those lands in Niyagamalahena Singaldeniya in the Siyambalagoda (West) Grama Niladhari Division in the Pitabeddara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara District ;
 - (ii) there is a strong protest from the people of the area in regard to the making of this canal ; and
 - (iii) farmers complain that this act will result in the paddy fields running arid during droughts?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of money spent to make the canal mentioned in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) of the funds out of which financial allocations are sought for that ; and
 - (iii) whether arrangements will be made to terminate this project which is rejected by the people of the area and to take legal action against those officials responsible for this after a formal investigation?
- (c) If not, why?

3063/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that Sri Lanka Railways has had to bear a huge loss, as the opportunity that had been available for it to transport 11 locomotive power sets and two luxury trains at low prices was given to a company in which the post of Deputy Chairman is held by the Secretary to the Ministry of Transport?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the loss caused to the Sri Lanka Railways by the deal to transport the power sets and luxury trains as aforesaid; and
- (ii) whether proper action will be taken against the officers who acted fraudulently to cause this loss?

(c) If not, why?

3072/'12

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(3)

(a) Will he state —

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

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the Statutes relevant to the subjects in List I of the ninth Schedule of the Constitution (Provincial Councils List);
 - (ii) of the Statutes relevant to the subjects in List III of the ninth Schedule of the Constitution (Concurrent List); and
- which have been adopted by the aforesaid Provincial Council?

(c) If not, why?

3262/'12

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the estimated amount of money, for the renovation of the child and maternity clinic centre of Homagama - Habarakada;
- (ii) the amount of money spent, for the renovations, out of the aforesaid estimated amount of money; and
- (iii) the date of commencement and the completion of the renovations of the aforesaid center?

- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of child and maternity clinics held, within a month, in the aforesaid child and maternity clinic center, prior to the renovation works; and
 - (ii) of the number of child and maternity clinics held, within a month, after the renovations, by now?
- (c) If not, why?

3290/'12

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

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

3350/'12

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Petroleum Industries;
 - (ii) the number of government vehicles that come under each such institution;
 - (iii) the grades of the officers of those institutions to whom government vehicles have been assigned;
 - (iv) the number of vehicles falling under the supervision of those officers?

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

3416/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether the person called Puvendran Nitharson at Wakarai in Batticaloa has been arrested and imprisoned;
 - (ii) if so, the prison in which he is held;
 - (iii) whether he has been imprisoned as a convict or as a suspect;
 - (iv) whether a case has been filed in a court of law against him;
 - (v) if so, the date on which the case was filed, the relevant court of law, case number and the present situation of the case; and
 - (vi) the charges on which the case has been filed?

- (b) Will he also state whether action will be taken to release Puvendran Nitharson?
- (c) If not, why ?

3683/'13

Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe ,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

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

3699/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the average import price (CIF Value) per Metric ton at which petrol was imported within February 2013;
 - (ii) the approximate volume of a Metric ton of petrol in litres;
 - (iii) as such, the average price of a litre of petrol as it is unloaded at the port in February 2013;
 - (iv) the amounts of different taxes charged by the government on each litre of petrol, separately;
 - (v) the profit derived by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from each litre of petrol; and
 - (vi) the distribution cost of a litre of petrol and the profit derived by the filling station by selling a litre of petrol?
- (b) If not, why?

3866/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the steps that have already been taken by the Ministry in order to eradicate completely or minimize the coconut mite damage that harm coconut cultivation;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid measures have been proved effective; and
 - (iii) if the aforesaid measures have not been proved effective, of the proposed measures to be adopted in future?
- (b) If not, why?

3867/'13

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

- (a) Will he state the methodology as to how the coconut saplings grown in nurseries belonging to entities like Coconut Cultivation Board and Sri Lanka Coconut Research Institute which function under the Ministry of Coconut Development and Janata Estate Development are distributed among the public?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) if the process of distributing coconut saplings among people is implemented through other entities or programmes, of the names of such entities and programmes; and
 - (ii) separately, of the number of coconut saplings issued under each of the aforesaid entities and programmes during the period of last five years?
- (c) If not, why ?

3870/'13

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the manner in which seed coconut is procured for the plant nurseries maintained under the “Kapruka Purawara” programme which is a project of the Coconut Cultivation Board;
- (ii) whether specific trees have been identified to obtain seed coconut;
- (iii) if so, the persons who have done the aforesaid identification;
- (iv) the number of trees identified by now to obtain seed coconut;
- (v) the number of seed coconut that have so far been planted in the coconut nurseries implemented under the “Kapruka Purawara” programme;
- (vi) the places where each of the aforesaid seed coconut nurseries are located; and
- (vii) the next action taken with relevance to the coconut plants suitable to be cultivated which are obtained from the aforesaid nurseries?

(b) If not, why?

3917/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,— (1)

(a) Will he state, separately—

- (i) the number of families, residing in Imbulpe Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) the number of families, that owns at least, a perch in extent, out of aforesaid number of families;
- (iii) the total extent of government owned lands, within the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (iv) the extent of lands owned by the Land Reforms Commission, out of aforesaid extents of lands; and
- (v) the extent of government owned lands and the lands owned by the Land Reforms Commission that have been provided to the people who have arrived at Imbulpe Divisional Secretariat Division, from outside areas?

(b) If not, why?

Thursday, September 05, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2614/'12

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

- (a) Will he state whether there is an irrigation project named 'Hakwatunawa' in Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kurunegala District ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the acreage of paddy lands that are cultivated under Hakwatunawa Irrigation Project ;
 - (ii) of the number of farmer families that benefit from the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) whether there is a possibility of supplying water for cultivation in both Yala and Maha seasons under the aforesaid project; and
 - (iv) if there is no such possibility, of the action that will be taken to develop Hakwatunawa Irrigation Project so that water can be supplied for cultivation in both Yala and Maha seasons ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2897/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) as to when Mr. Lasantha Wickrematunga was killed;
 - (ii) the CID team that led the investigation on the aforesaid murder;
 - (iii) the officer who has been assigned to this matter from the Attorney General's Department; and
 - (iv) the number of persons arrested in connection with this murder?
- (b) Will he also state whether—
 - (i) there is a sense of lethargy being displayed on the investigation of aforesaid murder case; and
 - (ii) the government wants to cover up this murder case for any reason?
- (c) If not, why?

2989/'12

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

(a) Is he aware that,—

- (i) an extent of 1220 acres of forest and agricultural lands in Panama Shasthrawela in Lahuwela Divisional Secretariat Division in the Ampara District have been acquired by the Navy and the Special Task Force;
- (ii) plans have been made to construct a Ranaviru Village, a Navy camp and a hotel complex in the aforesaid lands;
- (iii) people have been prohibited from entering the Balumkararama Viharaya and other archaeological sites located in the aforesaid lands; and
- (iv) a severe impact has been caused on public life and natural environment in the area due to acquisition of the aforesaid lands?

(b) Will he inform this House, —

- (i) whether legal permission has been obtained to acquire the aforesaid lands; and
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to grant compensation or provide lands back to the people who are deprived of their lands and property due to the acquisition of the aforesaid lands?

(c) If not, why?

2997/'12

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(2)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the total number of juvenile delinquency cases and child abuse cases which have been brought before the courts of law from the year 2009 to 2012; and
- (ii) separately out of those cases, the number of cases which are still being heard and the number of cases which have been concluded by now?

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of individuals who were convicted and punished in juvenile delinquency and child abuse cases heard from the year 2009 up to now; and
 - (ii) of the maximum punishment meted out to those who are convicted in juvenile delinquency and child abuse cases ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3061/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that construction activities of buildings in a number of schools in Horana, Matugama and Kalutara Educational zones in the Kalutara District have been stalled owing to non availability of funds ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of schools with partly completed buildings in the above educational zones ;
 - (ii) as to what happened to the funds allocated by the government for the construction of those school buildings;
 - (iii) of the amount of money further required to complete the construction work of the partly completed buildings in those schools; and
 - (iv) whether arrangements will be made to allocate the required funds and complete those school buildings ?
- (c) If not, why?

3351/'12

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

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Water Supply and Drainage;
 - (ii) the number of government vehicles that come under each such institution;
 - (iii) the grades of the officers of those institutions to whom government vehicles have been assigned;
 - (iv) the number of vehicles falling under the supervision of those officers?

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

3686/'13

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) over 300 Sri Lankan women who have gone for employment in Kuwait are held in police custody and in prison camps with no other charges but for fleeing from their work places due to various kinds of maltreatment and harassment they had to face; and
 - (ii) regular and immediate response to solve those problem is not received from the officials of Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment attached to the Sri Lankan Embassy in Kuwait to look into the grievances of Sri Lanka migrant workers subjected to harassment in that manner and act accordingly?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to repatriate the personnel held in Kuwait camps speedily?
- (c) If not, why?

3775/'13

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

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

2615/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the road from Doratiyawa to Konpala in Mawabapitiya Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kurunegala District is badly damaged; and
 - (ii) a large number of residents of the area have been greatly inconvenienced due to the bad condition of the aforesaid road ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the date on which steps will be taken to repair the aforesaid road;
 - (ii) the total amount of money that will be spent on that ;
 - (iii) the date on which the provisions required for the implementation of the project to repair the aforesaid road will be released; and
 - (iv) the date on which the aforesaid road will be made available for the use of people after being repaired ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2937/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total cost incurred for the census which was carried out in the years 2011 and 2012;
 - (ii) the number of people employed to obtain the information in the aforesaid census;
 - (iii) the population of the country on the basis of ethnic groups as Sinhalese, Tamils, Muslims, Malays, Burghers, and Others;
 - (iv) the population of the country on the basis of religions as Buddhism, Christianity (all denominations), Hinduism and Islam; and
 - (v) the number of houses per district?
- (b) Will he also state in relation to the tender for procurement for data scanning of the census of population and housing—
 - (i) the winner of the tender;
 - (ii) the names of the other applicants who bid for the same along with the amounts of each tender separately; and
 - (iii) the members who were in the Cabinet Appointed Tender Board?
- (c) If not, why?

2990/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a road is being constructed from Kitulgala to Pallegage through the Makanduwa Reserve which belongs to the Kitulgala Kelaniweli Reserve in the Kegalle District and coming under the purview of the Department of Forest Conservation;
 - (ii) allegations are leveled by the environmentalists that the environment is severely damaged as a result of constructing this road; and
 - (iii) the people of the area request that the construction work of the aforesaid road be stopped in order to prevent the damage caused to the environment?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether permission has been legally obtained to construct the aforementioned road through the Makanduwa reserve;
- (ii) whether action will be taken to stop the construction work of the aforesaid road taking the damage caused to the environment and the public protests into consideration ?

(c) If not, why ?

3254/'12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

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

(b) If not, why ?

3267/'12

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the total outstanding assessment tax of the private sector entities to the Colombo Municipal Council; and
- (ii) the total outstanding assessment tax to be recovered by the CMC for the year 2012?

(b) If not, why ?

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Education;
- (ii) the number of government vehicles that come under each such institution;
- (iii) the grades of the officers of those institutions to whom government vehicles have been assigned;
- (iv) the number of vehicles falling under the supervision of those officers?

(b) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the number of vehicles in the institutions coming under the aforesaid Ministry that have been obtained on rent basis;
- (ii) method of payment of rent adopted in relation to those vehicles;
- (iii) total amount of money paid annually as rent on those vehicles; and
- (iv) officers who use those vehicles obtained on rent basis ?

(c) Will he also state —

- (i) whether a methodology to distinguish government vehicles under this Ministry, vehicles obtained on rent basis, and personal vehicles of the officers is in place?
- (ii) if so, whether a clarification in that regard is made;
- (iii) whether the state insignia and the name of the relevant institution are engraved in the government vehicles that come under the Ministry and the institutions coming under it; and
- (iv) if not, the reasons for that?

(d) If not, why?

2616/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the road which leads to Budunapitiya via Wellawa and Hadirewalana in Kurunegala Divisional Secretariat Division is badly damaged; and
 - (ii) a large number of residents of the area have been greatly inconvenienced due to the bad condition of the aforesaid road ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the date on which action will be taken to repair the aforesaid road;
 - (ii) the total amount of money that will be spent on the aforesaid repair;
 - (iii) the date on which the provisions required for the implementation of the project to repair the aforesaid road will be released; and
 - (iv) the date on which the aforesaid road will be made available for the use of people after being repaired ?
- (c) If not, why ?

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2546/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the names of the persons and institutions that have been supplying food to the Sri Lanka Army, the Air Force and the Navy since the year 2009 up to now;
 - (ii) whether tenders were called when selecting the above mentioned persons or institutions ;
 - (iii) if so, of the names of the persons or institutions that submitted tenders for the above mentioned purpose;
 - (iv) of the bids submitted by each of those persons or institutions; and
 - (v) of the bids submitted by the persons or institutions that were selected?
- (b) If not, why?

2617/'12

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

- (a) Will he state whether projects to solve the problem of drinking water are implemented at district level under the Mahinda Chinthana Programme ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is a severe shortage of drinking water for about forty families of Devsirigama village coming under the purview of Devinuwara Pradeshiya Sabha in Matara; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to implement a pipe-borne water project in order to solve the issue of drinking water of the people of the aforesaid village ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2942/'12

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

- (a) Will he state separately for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012—
 - (i) the amounts of funds that were allocated in the Budget for Samurdhi beneficiaries;
 - (ii) the amounts of money transferred to Samurdhi receiving household;
 - (iii) the amount of money that was actually spent on Samurdhi;
 - (iv) the Heads under which the aforesaid actual expenditures were made;
 - (v) the amount of money spent on Samurdhi beneficiaries and under which Heads the money has been transferred on per month basis; and
 - (vi) the Budget Heads to which the allocated money for Samurdhi has been transferred, per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

2991/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the educational and professional qualifications of the person who held the post of Chairman in Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation from May 2010 to May 2012;
 - (ii) the salaries, allowances and other perks related to that position which were paid to him monthly; and
 - (iii) whether he has been obtaining a sum of Rs. 35,000.00 monthly by submitting false information to the effect that he has employed two household workers?

- (b) Is he aware that—
- (i) a prosperous cardamom cultivation of about 250 acres in the Opalgala Estate belonging to the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation has been given to a private company by the name of “Sasiki” without publishing any public notice; and
 - (ii) the employees of the Corporation are levelling allegations that two jeeps bearing numbers 32-606 and 32-611 owned by the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation have been sold in secret by the Chairman?
- (c) If the vehicles mentioned in (b) (ii) above have been sold, will he inform this House of the names and addresses of the persons who purchased those vehicles and the prices at which they were sold?
- (d) If not, why?

3268/’12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps have been taken to construct a “Seva Piyasa” office for each Grama Niladhari Division in the island;
 - (ii) of the amount allocated for that purpose;
 - (iii) of the estimated amount for the construction of a “Seva Piyasa” office; and
 - (iv) the date by which the first “Seva Piyasa” office will be constructed ?
- (b) If not, why ?

3353/’12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Ports and Highways;
 - (ii) the number of government vehicles that come under each such institution;
 - (iii) the grades of the officers of those institutions to whom government vehicles have been assigned;
 - (iv) the number of vehicles falling under the supervision of those officers?

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

2618/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the unemployment rate prevailing in each Divisional Secretariat Division in the Ampara District, separately;
 - (ii) the solutions that will be given to this unemployment problem ;
 - (iii) the targets that are expected to be achieved through these solutions ; and
 - (iv) the timeframe for achieving these targets?
- (b) If not, why ?

2944/'12

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

- (a) Will he state separately, for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012—
 - (i) the amount of funds allocated for arms and ammunition in the Budget;
 - (ii) the amounts of money actually spent on arms and ammunition;
 - (iii) the Heads under which the aforesaid amounts were actually spent;
 - (iv) the amount of money that has been spent monthly on arms and ammunition and to which Heads the said money has been transferred; and
 - (v) the Heads to which the money allocated for arms and ammunition in the Budgets have been transferred?
- (b) If not, why?

2992/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) four batches of students were enrolled at University of Peradeniya during the period from the years 2008-2011 to follow the Bachelor of Business Administration Degree;
 - (ii) a separate Faculty for Management Studies has not been established for these students so far; and
 - (iii) the number of students who are enrolled to do the aforesaid degree was reduced to 50 in the year 2012 ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a separate building is being constructed at present for a Management Faculty ;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to complete the construction work of the aforesaid building expeditiously ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3354/'12

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

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

3621/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the year and date on which an international sport competition was held for the last time at Moratuwa De Soyza Stadium, which is an international stadium ?

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for the aforesaid stadium falling into a dilapidated condition;
 - (ii) the names of the parties who are responsible for the maintenance of the aforesaid stadium;
 - (iii) whether renovation work of the aforesaid stadium has commenced;
 - (iv) if so, the name of the institute or party who carry out the aforesaid renovation work; and
 - (v) the estimated cost for the aforesaid renovation work?
- (c) If not, why ?

2945/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012—
 - (i) the amount of funds allocated for disaster management in the Budget;
 - (ii) the amounts of money actually spent on disaster management;
 - (iii) the Heads under which the aforesaid amounts were actually spent;
 - (iv) the amount of money that has been spent monthly on disaster management and to which Heads the said money has been transferred; and
 - (v) the Heads to which the money allocated for disaster management in the Budgets have been transferred?
- (b) If not, why?

3011/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether measures are being taken to abolish the telegramme service which has been provided by the Postal Department for a long time; and
 - (ii) the objective of abolishing the aforesaid service ?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the general public and the employees of both public and private sectors who obtain the aforesaid service will be inconvenienced if the aforesaid service is abolished; and
 - (ii) with the abolition of the telegram service, issues related to the job security of the employees engaged in the service will arise?

- (c) If so, will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken to ensure the job security of the aforesaid employees ?
- (d) If not, why ?

3355/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

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

4173/'13

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti, — To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether the Central Bank of Sri Lanka is a statutory institution that comes under the purview of the Ministry of Finance and Planning; and
 - (ii) if not, whether it is an independent institution, outside the purview of a Ministry?
- (b) Will he also state —
 - (i) as to whom the chief accounting officer;
 - (ii) the task of the monetary board; and
 - (iii) as to whom the ultimate authority concerning, management and administrative decisions?
- (c) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether there is an approved procedure and a salary structure pertaining to the recruitments of employees to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, of the officer who approved it; and
 - (iii) whether the approval of the National Salaries and Cadre Commission and the Department of Management Services has been granted?
- (d) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the manner in which the salary revision of the staff of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka is done and the criteria adopted in that respect; and
 - (ii) whether the approved procedure and the salary structure, will be tabled as aforementioned in (c)(i)?
- (e) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

P. 194/'13

The Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,—Amendment of the Standing Orders of Parliament,—
That this Parliament resolves in terms of the Standing Order No. 134, following amendments of the Standing Orders of Parliament be referred to the Committee on Standing Orders:—

1.

Insert the following immediately after the Standing Order No. 32(2):—

“(3) Answers to questions must be provided by Ministers when they are on the Order Paper. If it is impossible to provide answers on the due date, the Minister may request a postponement of up to a month. If no answer is forthcoming on the second occasion on which the question is raised, Mr. Speaker shall convey this information in writing to the Head of the Executive Branch and request that answers be supplied within two weeks of receipt of the letter.”.

2.

Renumber the Standing Order No. 45 as the Standing Order No. 45(1) Insert the words,

“being a date not earlier than two days from the date on which it was presented” immediately after the words “upon such day” of paragraph(1).

Insert the following immediately after the Standing Order No. 45(1):—

“(2) Every Bill shall be accompanied by a statement of legal effect:

Provided that no Bill shall be taken up for consideration unless any text to be discussed is available to Members in all three languages in which the Business of Parliament is conducted. It shall be the duty of the Secretary General to ensure that this is done, and the Secretary General shall report accordingly to Mr. Speaker before the Bill is taken up.”.

Insert the following immediately after the Standing Order No. 45(2):—

“(3) Bill (not being the Appropriation Bill) having been read for the first time shall be referred to the relevant Consultative Committee for report within a specified time.”.

3.

Insert the following at the end of the Standing Order No. 53:—

“The Committee may be mandated to report on a specified date provided that at least two days are given for consideration of the Bill in Committee. The Third Reading of a Bill shall take place only after such consideration.”.

4.

Delete the Standing Order No. 78A (2) and substitute the following:—

“(2) Where a resolution referred to in paragraph (1) of this Order is placed on the Order Paper of Parliament, Mr. Speaker shall appoint a Select Committee of Parliament consisting of not less than seven members and of which the quorum shall be three members to institute an investigation and report to Parliament on the allegations of misbehaviour or incapacity set out in such resolution. Such an investigation shall be conducted by a tribunal consisting of one or more retired Judges. The Select Committee may appoint an individual to present the case and evidence before such tribunal.”.

Delete paragraph (3) and substitute the following:—

“(3) Such tribunal shall transmit to the Judge whose alleged misbehaviour or incapacity is the subject of its investigation, a copy of the allegations of misbehaviour or incapacity made against such Judge and set out in the resolution in pursuance of which such Select Committee was appointed, and shall require such Judge to make a written statement of defence within such period as may be specified by it.”.

Delete paragraphs (4) and (5) and substitute the following:—

“(4) The tribunal shall have power to send for persons, papers and records while allowing the Judge whose alleged misbehaviour or incapacity is the subject of the investigation the right to appear before it and to be heard by, such tribunal, in person or by representative and, following the setting out of the case against him, and the evidence of witnesses to substantiate that case, to adduce evidence, oral or documentary, in regulation of the allegations made.”.

Delete paragraph (6) and substitute the following:—

“(5) At the conclusion of the inquiry the tribunal shall report on its findings to the Select Committee, which shall deliberate on such findings and present a report to Parliament with its recommendation within one month from the commencement of the sittings, together with the minutes of evidence taken and may make a special report of any matters which it may think fit to bring to the notice of Parliament:

Provided however, if the Select Committee is unable to report to Parliament within the time limit stipulated herein, the Select Committee shall seek permission of Parliament for an extension of a further specified period of time giving reason therefore, and Parliament may grant such extension of time as it may consider necessary.”.

Delete paragraph (7) and substitute the following:—

“(6) Following consideration of the report of the tribunal and the recommendation of the Select Committee, Parliament may vote on the resolution for the presentation of an address to the President for the removal of a Judge from office on the ground of proved misbehaviour or incapacity, and if such resolution is passed by Parliament, the Speaker shall present such address to the President on behalf of Parliament.”.

5.

Delete the Standing Order No. 78B (2) and substitute the following:—

“(2) Where a resolution referred to in paragraph (1) of this Order is placed on the Order Paper of Parliament, Mr. Speaker shall appoint a Select Committee of Parliament consisting of not less than seven members and of which the quorum shall be three members to institute an investigation and report to Parliament on the allegations of misbehaviour or incapacity set out in such resolution. Such an investigation shall be conducted by a tribunal consisting of one or more retired Judges. The Select Committee may appoint an individual to present the case and evidence before such tribunal.”.

Delete paragraph (3) and substitute the following:—

“(3) Such tribunal shall transmit to the person mentioned in paragraph (1) of this Order whose alleged misbehaviour or incapacity is the subject of its investigation, a copy of the allegations of misbehaviour or incapacity made against such person mentioned in paragraph (1) of this Order and set out in the resolution in pursuance of which such Select Committee was appointed, and shall require such person mentioned in paragraph (1) of this Order to make a written statement of defence within such period as may be specified by it.”.

Delete paragraph (4) and substitute the following:—

“(4) The tribunal shall have power to send for persons, papers and records while allowing the person mentioned in paragraph (1) of this Order whose alleged misbehaviour or incapacity is the subject of the investigation the right to appear before it and to be heard by, such tribunal, in person or by representative and, following the setting out of the case against him, and the evidence of witnesses to substantiate that case, to adduce evidence, oral or documentary, in refutation of the allegations made.”.

Delete paragraph (5) and substitute the following:—

“(5) At the conclusion of the inquiry the tribunal shall report on its findings to the Select Committee, which shall deliberate on such findings and present a report to Parliament with its recommendations within one month from the commencement of the sittings, together with the minutes of evidence taken and may make a special report of any matters which it may think fit to bring to the notice of Parliament:

Provided however, if the Select Committee is unable to report to Parliament within the time limit stipulated herein, the Select Committee shall seek permission of Parliament for an extension of a further specified period of time giving reason therefore, and Parliament may grant such extension of time as it may consider necessary.”.

Delete paragraph (6) and substitute the following:—

“(6) Following consideration of the report of the tribunal and the recommendation of the Select Committee, Parliament may vote on the resolution for the presentation of an address to the President for the removal of any person mentioned in paragraph (1) of this Order from Office on the ground of proved misbehaviour or incapacity, and if such resolution is passed by Parliament, Mr. Speaker shall present such address to the President on behalf of Parliament.”.

6.

Delete Standing Order Nos. 104 to 115 and substitute the following:—

“Consultative Committees

104.

Consultative Committees of Parliament shall be set up for one or more Ministries concerned with particular functions of government. Their duties will include inquiring into and reporting upon all matters relevant to the Ministries with regard to Bills, proposals for legislation, supplementary or other estimates, statements of expenditure, motions, annual reports or papers. They will not take up matters relating to particular concerns, with regard to which Ministers are expected to set aside times in which Members may deal with them and their officials at the Ministry. A Consultative Committee shall have the power to initiate any Bill or motion following consultation with the Minister responsible.

105.

The Committee of Selection shall at the commencement of every Session of Parliament determine the number of Consultative Committees of Parliament that are required to ensure adequate attention to the above functions and shall appoint such. In particular it will appoint Committees to cover the following areas, under the purview of which Committees shall be discussed matters pertaining to all Ministries responsible for such areas:—

1. Defence
2. External Affairs
3. Economic Development
4. Education and Human Resources Development
5. Public Administration and Local Government
6. Justice
7. Finance
8. Health
9. Transport and Highways
10. Environment and Disaster Management
11. Irrigation and Water Management
12. Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock Development
13. Industries
14. Human Rights and Reconciliation
15. Aviation and Shipping
16. Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Resources
17. Archaeology, National Heritage and Cultural Affairs
18. Mass Media
19. Posts and Telecommunications
20. Labour
21. Trade and Cooperatives
22. Land and Urban Development

The Committee of Selection may appoint other Consultative Committees and shall annually renew the reports of such Committees and make changes as required in the composition of such Committees.

106.

The Committee of Selection shall appoint the Chairman of each Consultative Committee in consultation with the Minister or Ministers in charge of the subjects of such Committee. The Chairmen of Consultative Committees shall not be Ministers or Deputy Ministers, and at least half of the number of Chairmen of such Committees shall be members of the Opposition. Three members of a Consultative Committee shall form the quorum. Though discussions may be held in the absence of a quorum, such discussions shall not form part of the official proceedings of the Committee, unless ratified by a meeting of the Committee which shall be quorate.

107.

Each Consultative Committee shall consist of not less than five members and not more than fifteen members appointed by the Committee of Selection. No member shall belong to more than three Consultative Committees (save for the purposes of fulfilling the requirements of Clause 108 below), though any Member of Parliament may attend the meetings of a Consultative Committee of which he is not a member but shall withdraw when requested by the Chairman.

108.

Each Consultative Committee shall include at least one member of each party in Parliament and shall as far as possible reflect the party composition in Parliament. The Committee of Selection shall make appointments to the Consultative Committees based on the wishes of the members, who may apply to serve in upto five Committees.

109.

Each Committee shall meet at least once a month, and shall also be given an opportunity by the Minister or Ministers concerned to discuss issues of importance through sub-Committees of the Committee. Such discussions shall be held at the Ministry and the Chairman shall nominate for this purpose a sub-Committee in which all parties represented in the Consultative Committee shall partake.

110.

Ministers in charge of subjects on which Bills are proposed shall submit all such Bills for the observations of the relevant Consultative Committee and shall preside over special meetings to discuss such Bills.

111.

The Committee of Selection may, from time to time in the case of death, resignation or vacation of membership of a member of a Consultative Committee, appoint another member to take the place of such member on Consultative Committee. The Committee of Selection reserves to itself the right to discharge any member of any Consultative Committee when the Committee deems it necessary and appoint another in his place. Every appointment under this Order shall be announced to Parliament at its next meeting.

112.

Any member who absents himself from three consecutive meeting of the Committee without having obtained the prior leave of such Committee on application under his signature, shall be deemed to have vacated his membership of such Consultative Committee and shall not be re-appointed to such Committee during the same Session unless agreed to by the Committee of Selection:

Provided that the preceding provisions shall not apply where any meeting of such Committee is held on a day falling within the period during which such member has, with the leave of Parliament first obtained, absented himself from sittings of Parliament.

113.

The Secretary-General of Parliament shall in consultation with the Chairman of the Consultative Committee and the Secretary to relevant Ministries ensure that the meetings are summoned by Chairman at least once a month and a meaningful program of work arranged. The Secretary to each relevant Ministry or an Additional Secretary representing him shall be present at each meeting of the Consultative Committee and shall be responsible for providing within a week of each meeting all information and reports requested at such meeting.

Meetings of Consultative Committees shall also be summoned as soon as possible upon the written request of at least three members of such Consultative Committee.

114.

The Secretary-General or any other officer of Parliament nominated by him shall be the Secretary to every such Committee. He shall be provided with such other staff, facilities and resources as may be necessary to carry out his duties and functions. These include preparing minutes of meetings within a week of them being held, and providing copies of these minutes to the Chairman and the Secretary to the Ministry, as well as to the Minister concerned, for clarification and approval prior to submission to the next meeting of the Committee for adoption.

115.

All reports of each Ministry shall be submitted to the Consultative Committee and thereafter tabled in Parliament. In addition, any report from the Consultative Committee on matters referred to it by Parliament shall be presented to Parliament by the Chairman within three months of such reference, and if considered necessary, Parliament may propose the further consideration of any particular items. A reservation by any member of a committee may be added to the report:

Provided that matters referred to a Consultative Committee shall not be taken up for consideration by Parliament until the Report of the Consultative Committee on those matters is presented to Parliament.

Each Consultative Committee shall have the power to send for and examine persons, papers and records, to move from place to place and to do all such acts as are necessary for the fullest consideration of matters referred to it or under its purview and to meet notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament:

Provided that, if such persons, papers and records cannot be made available on a decision of the Minister concerned, this shall be explained in writing by the Minister and an opportunity given for the Committee to discuss with the Minister the relevant issues.”.

7.

Insert the following at the end of the Standing Order No. 125(1):—

“There shall be a Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Committee appointed by Mr. Speaker in consultation with the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance. Neither Chairman nor Deputy Chairman may be a Minister or Project Minister or Deputy Minister, and the Chairman shall be a Member of the Opposition and the Deputy Chairman a Member on the government side.”

Insert the following immediately after the paragraph (6):—

“(7) The Committee on Public Accounts shall submit an annual report which may carry recommendations on:

- (i) changes to policy
- (ii) changes to institutional or management procedures

- (iii) discontinuance of projects and programmes
- (iv) fixing of responsibility on officers
- (v) imposition of disciplinary proceedings
- (vi) reference to relevant authorities in the event of criminal liability being disclosed

The Report shall be laid before Parliament and sent to the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance who shall within one month respond to the Report and indicate which recommendations may be accepted with a time frame for implementation. Explanations will be provided with regard to recommendations which cannot be implemented with a description of what remedial action will be taken instead to deal with issues raised.

Following such a response, the Report shall be discussed by Parliament, and after amendments if appropriate shall be approved, whereupon the recommendations in such report shall be deemed to be recommendations to the Government which shall be responsible for implementing the same and reporting back to Parliament within a period of six months. Mr. Speaker will ensure that such reports are furnished on time, and will raise any delays with the Head of the Executive.

(8) Any member who absents himself from three consecutive meeting of the Committee without having obtained the prior leave of such Committee on application under his signature, shall be deemed to have vacated his membership of such Committee and shall not be re-appointed to such Committee during the same Session unless agreed to by the Committee of Selection.”.

8.

Insert the following at the end of the Standing Order No. 126(1):—

“There shall be a Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Committee appointed by the Speaker in consultation with the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance. Neither Chairman nor Deputy Chairman may be a Minister or Project Minister or Deputy Minister, and the Chairman shall be a Member of the Opposition and the Deputy Chairman a Member on the government side.”.

Insert the following immediately after the paragraph (6):—

“(7) The Committee on Public Enterprises shall submit an annual report which may carry recommendations on:

- (i) changes to policy
- (ii) changes to institutional or management procedures

- (iii) discontinuance of projects and programmes
- (iv) fixing of responsibility on officers
- (v) imposition of disciplinary proceedings
- (vi) reference to relevant authorities in the event of criminal liability being disclosed

The Report shall be laid before Parliament and sent to the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance who shall within one month respond to the Report and indicate which recommendations may be accepted with a time frame for implementation. Explanations will be provided with regard to recommendations which cannot be implemented with a description of what remedial action will be taken instead to deal with issues raised.

Following such a response, the Report shall be discussed by Parliament, and after amendments if appropriate shall be approved, whereupon the recommendations in such Report shall be deemed to be recommendations to the Government which shall be responsible for implementing the same and reporting back to Parliament within a period of six months. Mr. Speaker will ensure that such reports are furnished on time, and will raise any delays with the Head of the Executive.

(8) Any member who absents himself from three consecutive meeting of the Committee without having obtained the prior leave of such Committee on application under his signature, shall be deemed to have vacated his membership of such Committee and shall not be re-appointed to such Committee during the same Session unless agreed to by the Committee of Selection.”.

9.

Insert the following at the end of the Standing Order No. 128(5):—

“The Report, after adoption by Parliament, shall be sent to the Head of the Executive who shall report back within three months on action taken with regard to matters raised in the report, and the measures to be taken to ensure that any shortcomings noted in the Report will not be repeated.”.

10.

Delete the paragraphs (3) and (4) of the Standing Order No. 128A and substitute the following:—

“(3) The Committee shall report each quarter to Parliament with a record of those examined and the recommendation made by the Committee. The report shall be adopted following an opportunity for questions to be asked regarding the decisions of the Committee.

(4) The Quorum of the Committee shall be four members and the Committee may continue its examinations notwithstanding a prorogation of Parliament.

(5) Any member who absents himself from two consecutive meeting of the Committee without having obtained the prior leave of such Committee on application under his signature, shall be deemed to have vacated his membership of such Committee and shall not be re-appointed to such Committee during the same Session unless agreed to by the Committee of Selection.

(6) The provisions of paragraphs (2) to (5) shall apply also to the Parliamentary Council, save that where members serve by virtue of their Office they shall be replaced as follows:—

The Speaker by the Deputy Speaker

The Prime Minister by the Leader of the House

The Leader of the Opposition by the Leader of the Party with the next highest representation in Parliament.”.

11.

Insert the words, “or the Committee on Public Enterprises” wherever the words, “Committee on Public Accounts” of the Standing Order No. 132 occur as relevant.
