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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Minister of Investment Promotion,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 as amended, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1821/39 of 01st August 2013, which was presented on 03.09.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business*

Wednesday, October 09, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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?

(2)

- (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?

Thursday, October 10, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3119/'12

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

- (a) Will he state in relation to the Trincomalee - Mullaitivu road development project;
- (i) the length of the road;
 - (ii) time taken for the reconstruction;
 - (iii) whether the constructor was selected following a tender procedure;
 - (iv) if so, the name of the selected bidder;
 - (v) the funding sources;
 - (vi) the construction cost per Km;
 - (vii) whether compensation has been paid to anybody; and
 - (viii) if so, the names of the persons to whom compensations were paid?
- (b) If not, why ?

Friday, October 11, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2459/'12

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

- (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?

2465/'12

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

- (a) Will he state for the last five years—
 - (i) the total cost incurred on the cricket grounds owned by Sri Lanka Cricket on per year basis;
 - (ii) the allocation of the aforesaid cost in terms of capital and interest components; and
 - (iii) the revenue obtained from the cricket grounds referred to in (a) (i) on per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

3342/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether payments of money have been made from the farmers' pension scheme to compensate the damage to cultivation of Mavilaru in the year 2006;
- (ii) if so, the number of farmers to whom the said payments have been made, the amount of money paid per farmer and the total amount of money spent on that behalf;
- (iii) whether any frauds have taken place when the aforesaid payments were made;
- (iv) if so, whether those who committed the aforesaid frauds have been punished; and
- (v) the punishments given?

(b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.15/'10

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

P.87/'10

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

P.172/'12

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

P.124/'11

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.

P.175/'13

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

P.176/'13

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

P.177/'13

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

P.178/'13

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

P.179/'13

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

P.180/'13

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

P.181/'13

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

P.182/'13

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

P.183/'13

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

P.186/'13

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

P.187/'13

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

P.188/'13

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

P.189/'13

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

P.190/'13

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

P.191/'13

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

P.192/'13

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

P.193/'13

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Creating a “National Health Council Bureaucracy”,— That this Parliament resolves that a “National Health Council Bureaucracy” be created, that reports to the Prime Minister and which helps to cut across and eradicate sub-optimization in the Line Ministry, since management of health care should be given much more direction and emphasis than what is prevailing today.

P.195/'13

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Exemption of Taxes imposed on Pension Gratuity,— That this Parliament resolves that taxes imposed in this country are very lopsided, especially on terminal benefits and the taxes imposed on pension gratuity be completely exempted as the employees receiving gratuity on their retirement after a hard working life are subject to pay 36% of taxes.

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2607/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government agrees to the policy of establishing mixed schools for the provision of education to children of diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds as stated on Page 77 in the summary of key observations and recommendations of the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation;
 - (ii) if so, whether plans will be drawn up to launch a programme for establishing such mixed schools; and
 - (iii) the timeframe for same?
- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken to make this House aware of the policy of establishing mixed schools for the provision of education for children of diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds ?
- (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?

3697/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an advertisement was published by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board in 'Rivira' newspaper of 06.03.2013;
- (ii) of the aim of publishing that advertisement;
- (iii) the amount of money spent by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board on that advertisement;
- (iv) the Head of Expenditure under which that amount of money was spent; and
- (v) whether the National Water Supply and Drainage Board can publish advertisements relating to a particular individual being appointed to a particular position of a political party ?

(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 ?

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 ?

2618/'12

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

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
 - (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?

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1895/'11

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) several years have elapsed since the closure of the Yaya Gamini Junior School that comes under the Kuliapitiya Educational Zone in the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) several buildings that belonged to this school are in the process of decay at present; and
 - (iii) the aforesaid school owns a land about seven acres in extent?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) it is a national crime to leave the buildings and the land belonging to the Yaya Gamini Junior School to decay; and
 - (ii) the unemployment problem of the people of the area can be solved by opening up a factory, using the resources belonging to the aforesaid school?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, whether there would be a plan to use the resources of the aforesaid school as proposed above;
 - (ii) if not, whether action will be taken to use the resources for some other productive purpose; and
 - (iii) if so, what that purpose is?
- (d) If not, why?

2220/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(6)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “Samata Niwasak - Hithata Sevanak” programme of the “Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the future” manifesto that the programme for making the residents of urban flats and other government housing schemes the freehold owners of their houses would be completed within three months ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date of commencement and the date of completion of the aforesaid programme;
 - (ii) the number of families residing in urban flats that have got freehold ownership of their houses under the aforesaid programme; and
 - (iii) the number of families residing in other government housing schemes that have got freehold ownership of their houses as mentioned above ?
- (c) If not, why?

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?

3109/'12

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

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

3261/'12

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the gross assessed value and the extent of land that have been acquired by the government for the Colombo Outer Circular Highway Development Project;
 - (ii) the number of Divisional Secretariat Divisions and the names of those Divisional Secretariat Divisions to which the acquired lands belong to; and
 - (iii) the gross value of the land area acquired for the Katunayaka Highway Development Project ?
- (b) If not, why?

3285/'12

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

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

3445/'13

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a list of names of the candidates who sat for the Law Entrance Examination in the year 2012 will be submitted; and
 - (ii) whether a list of the names of those who passed the aforesaid examination along with the marks obtained by each candidate separately, according to the medium in which they sat for the examination will be submitted ?
- (b) Will he state whether instructions will be given to the Commissioner of Examinations to carry out a re-scrutiny of the results of the aforesaid examination due to the fact that numerous allegations and concerns are being raised in regard to the passes and failures among the candidates who sat for the aforesaid examination ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3466/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether tenders were called by the Milco Company to sell an amount of more than 450 tons of milk powder worth more than 27 crores of rupees;
- (ii) if so, the date on which it was done; and
- (iii) the reasons for the decision to issue the aforesaid milk powder to an outside seller without being issued to the market ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether Hydrogen Peroxide can be used in the manufacture of milk powder according to the standards of the World Health Organisation;
- (ii) whether Hydrogen Peroxide is mixed in the aforesaid stock of milk powder;
- (iii) whether the quantity of Hydrogen Peroxide contained in it has been tested;
- (iv) if so, that amount ;
- (v) whether the aforesaid amount of Hydrogen Peroxide is suitable for human consumption; and
- (vi) whether it is accepted that the aforesaid stock of milk powder may be sold among people in indirect ways ?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) whether the sale of the aforesaid stock of milk powder will not have an impact on the milk powder produce of the Milco Company;
- (ii) the cost of production of the above mentioned quantity of milk powder; and
- (iii) the steps taken to obtain a higher manufacturing capacity in the manufacture of additional milk powder instead of the aforesaid stock of milk powder, which is being sold ?

(d) If not, why ?

3577/'13

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(2)

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

3596/'13

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a list of names of the owners of the lands which are acquired from the Kesbewa area for the Weres Ganga Rain Water Drainage and Environment Development Project will be presented;
 - (ii) the extent of lands which is expected to be acquired from the aforesaid persons; and
 - (iii) the action that will be taken in relation to the agricultural crops which have been cultivated in the aforesaid lands ?
- (b) If not, why ?

3631/'13

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

- (a) Is he aware that as the Mattuwandu road which lies on the embankment of the Chenaiwalli tank located in Thambalagamuwa village of Trincomalee has not been repaired for a long time, the people of that area are facing immense difficulties in travelling ?
- (b) Will he state whether steps will be taken to repair this road as in number of instances where the people walking on the road have slipped and fallen into the tank, at times when the Chenaiwalli tank is overflowing have been reported?
- (c) If not, why?

3656/'13

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Social Services,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) it has been stated in the page number 47 of the Mahinda Chinthana Policy Manifesto, that a monthly allowance of Rs 3000/= will be given to the families where there is a disabled, elderly, Samurdhi beneficiary;
 - (ii) it has been ensured in the page number 193 of Mahinda Chinthana Vision for the Future;
 - (iii) W.M.B.A Weerasekara a disabled samurdhi beneficiary of Kurunegala, Bamunakotuwa, Kadiharaya, has submitted an application to the National Secretariat for Disabled Persons on the date of 14. 05. 2012, as to get the allowance, received, according to the aforesaid statement; and
 - (iv) the aforesaid application has been included in the waiting list?
- (b) Will he inform this house whether action will be taken to grant the aforesaid allowance to Mr. Weerasekara, who is in the waiting list since, 21.05.2012, to get the allowance of Rs 3000/=?
- (c) If not, why ?

3692/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which Sri Lanka became deprived of the GSP plus Tax Concession;
 - (ii) of the number of garment factories closed down in Sri Lanka from then onwards;
 - (iii) of the number of Sri Lanka labourers who lost employment as a result;
 - (iv) of the income dispossessed by the country through the closure of the aforesaid garment factories; and
 - (v) of the procedure implemented to make the persons who became unemployed in the above manner, employed?
- (b) If not, why?

3772/'13

Hon. Vijitha Berugoda,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(2)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the objective of the water and sanitation project that is being operated within the Jaffna Peninsula;
- (ii) the time within which the aforesaid project is expected to be completed;
- (iii) the number of consumers that receive the benefits under the aforesaid project;
- (iv) the estimated expenditure for that project;
- (v) the amount of money spent for the aforesaid project by now; and
- (vi) the institutions by which the aforesaid expenditure is borne?

(b) If not, why ?

3858/'13

Hon. (Mrs) Sriyani Wijewickrama,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House separately, of the —

- (i) programmes implemented by the Forest Conservation Department;
- (ii) services rendered by the Central Environmental Authority;
- (iii) services rendered by the Marine Environment Authority;
- (iv) measures taken by the National Gem and Jewellery Authority; and
- (v) services provided to the public by the Gem and Jewellery Research Institute;

in each year during the period from the year 2005 to date?

(b) If not, why?

Thursday, October 24, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2595/'12

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

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

3014/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a large number of workers who served in the community water supply and sanitary projects islandwide have been dismissed;
 - (ii) although a pledge has been made to provide jobs to the aforesaid workers in a new institution, jobs have not been provided yet; and
 - (iii) compensation, EPF and ETF dues have not yet been paid to the workers who were dismissed ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a plan to establish a new institution to implement the projects mentioned above;
 - (ii) of the objective behind initiating a new institution structure after the closure of the institution which existed in relation to the above projects; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to expedite the due payments mentioned in (a) (iii) above for the workers who have been dismissed?
- (c) If not, why?

3110/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will she state—
 - (i) the shareholders of the Norochcholai Power Plant;
 - (ii) whether the project was offered on tender basis;
 - (iii) if so, the names of the tenderers along with the amounts tendered for;
 - (iv) the total cost incurred on this project to date;
 - (v) the warranty period of the power plant;
 - (vi) the number of days that the Norochcholai plant had not being functioning from September 2012 to date ;
 - (vii) the loss to the Ceylon Electricity Board for being non - functional during the aforesaid period; and
 - (viii) as to where the spare parts are being kept for any breakdowns?
- (b) If not, why ?

3264/'12

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of centers from which admission cards were issued from 20th August 2012, for sitting for the Korean Language Proficiency Examination; and
 - (ii) the number of applications that have been issued from those centers?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the number of applications issued for the Korean Language Proficiency Examination in the year 2011, the number of candidates who sat for the examination, the number of candidates who passed the examination and the number of individuals who received foreign employment opportunities in Korea based on the results of the aforesaid examination; and
 - (ii) whether possession of the passport has been made mandatory for obtaining applications for the Korean Language Proficiency Examination in 2011 ?
- (c) If not, why ?

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs;
- (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 —

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

(c) Will 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?

3693/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of persons that died when arrested by the Police during the period from the year 2009 to 28.02.2013;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the persons who died thus;
 - (iii) the ways in which they died;
 - (iv) the places in which each of the aforesaid persons died; and
 - (v) the allegations charged against the persons who were arrested?
- (b) If not, why?

2596/'12

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

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

3015/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether workers are recruited for the posts of office assistants (KKS), typists, drivers and technicians of the National Savings Bank from an external labour service provider;
 - (ii) the reasons for not recruiting the aforesaid workers for the permanent service; and
 - (iii) whether he admits that a very low salary is paid to the aforesaid workers in comparison to the present living standards?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to secure their jobs by absorbing the aforesaid staff to the permanent service in the National Savings Bank; and
 - (ii) if so, what that date is?
- (c) If not, why?

3114/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that since January 2010, certain lands in the Puttalam District have been grabbed by politicians and politically affiliated officials?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names, acreages and values of the Government lands in the Puttalam district of which ownerships have been transferred, leased out, alienated on permit or “Swarnabumi” deeds, on per land basis since 2010;
 - (ii) the reasons for transferring or handing over the aforesaid lands and not following the tender procedures therein ; and
 - (iii) whether the opportunities and facilities have been given to the people living for decades in the areas referred to in (a) and others to obtain lands as per above?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the allegation of taking over the beach lands in the Puttalaam District from the lawful owners forcibly or with duress under the pretext of cleansing the terrorists owned areas is factual; and
 - (ii) if not, as to how such allegation comes about?
- (d) If not, why ?

3361/'12

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Economic 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;
 - (iv) the number of vehicles falling under the supervision of those officers?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of vehicles in the institutions coming under the aforesaid Ministry that have been obtained on rent basis;
 - (ii) the method of payment of rent adopted in relation to those vehicles;
 - (iii) the total amount of money paid annually as rent on those vehicles; and
 - (iv) the officers who use those vehicles obtained on rent basis ?
- (c) Will 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?

3614/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that bedrock has been cut in the Makeliya area within the Kukulegama Power House zone?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) as to who permitted the cutting of the above bedrock;
 - (ii) the reasons for cutting this bedrock;
 - (iii) whether the Divisional Secretary of Palinda Nuwara has granted the permission required for that; and
 - (iv) the persons involved in the cutting of this bedrock?
- (c) If not, why?

3694/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a newspaper advertisement was published by the State Timber Corporation in 'Rivira' newspaper on 06.03.2013;
 - (ii) of the purpose of publishing that advertisement;
 - (iii) of the amount spent by the State Timber Corporation on that advertisement;
 - (iv) of the Head of expenditure under which that amount was spent; and
 - (v) whether it is possible to publish advertisements by the State Timber Corporation in the event of the appointment of a certain person to a certain post of some political party?
- (b) If not, why?

2598/'12

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

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

3016/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a separate maintenance section had been established, for the Accident Service of Sri Lanka National Hospital which is a grant of the government of Finland, from the inception itself, considering its value and the significance; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid maintenance unit has been defunct by this time, due to the irregularities of the administration of the Accident Service of the National Hospital ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken expeditiously, to bring the non-operational maintenance section of the Accident Service of the National Hospital, to the proper condition?
- (c) If not, why?

3115/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that since January 2010, certain lands in the Mannar District have been grabbed by politicians and politically affiliated officials?
- (b) Will he state-
 - (i) the names, acreages and values of the Government lands in the Mannar District of which ownerships have been transferred, leased out, alienated on permit or “Swarnabumi” deeds, on per land basis since 2010;
 - (ii) the reasons for transferring or handing over the aforesaid lands and not following the tender procedure therein ; and
 - (iii) whether the opportunities and facilities have been given to the people living for decades in the areas referred to in (a) and others to obtain lands as per above?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the allegation of taking over the beach lands in the Mannar District from the lawful owners forcibly or with duress under the pretext of cleansing the terrorists owned areas is factual; and
 - (ii) if not, as to how such allegation comes about?
- (d) If not, why ?

Friday, October 25, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2600/'12

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

(a) Will he state whether the government agrees with the statements to the effect that—

- (i) the effort taken to improve the public petitions system through the amendment introduced by Act No.26 of 1994 was insufficient; and
- (ii) legislation relevant to the office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration or Ombudsman to take action regarding the grievances of the citizens was insufficient;

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

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the recommendation made by the aforesaid Commission to establish an independent institution to address the citizens' grievances, will be implemented; and
- (ii) if so, when ?

(c) If not, why ?

3017/'12

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

(a) Will he state separately, the number of—

- (i) the solders including the officers of the Armed Forces;
- (ii) members including the police officers;
- (iii) members including the officers of the Special Task Force; and
- (iv) members including the officers of the Civil Defence Force;

who died due to the terrorist activities prevailed in the North and the East since 1980 up to the end of war?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the number of aforesaid personnel who receive treatments in the Army hospitals or the similar places by now; and
- (ii) the total value of the compensation paid, to the aforesaid disabled personnel of the security services?

(c) Will he also inform this House of—

- (i) the number of officers and the soldiers died from the aforesaid security services due to the insurrection in 1971 and within the period from 1988 - 1989;
- (ii) the number of security service personnel who had become disabled during the aforesaid periods of time; and
- (iii) the value of the compensation paid to them?

(d) If not, why?

3116/'12

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

(a) Is he aware that since January 2010, certain lands in Jaffna District have been grabbed by politicians and politically affiliated officials?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the names, acreages and values of the Government lands in Jaffna district of which ownerships have been transferred, leased out, alienated on permit or “Swarnabumi” deeds, on per land basis since 2010;
- (ii) the reasons for transferring or handing over the aforesaid lands and not following the tender procedures therein ; and
- (iii) whether the opportunities and facilities have been given to the people living for decades in the areas referred to in (a) and others to obtain lands as per above?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) whether the allegation of taking over the beach lands in Jaffna district from the lawful owners forcibly or with duress under the pretext of cleansing the terrorists owned areas is factual; and
- (ii) if not, as to how such allegation comes about?

(d) If not, why ?

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Health;
- (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 —

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

(c) Will 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?

3615/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the Grama Niladhari Division, under which Eriyagama in Payagala South in the Kalutara District, comes;
 - (ii) of the number of families residing in that village; and
 - (iii) whether deeds for the aforesaid lands and houses have been given?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether public transport facilities and electricity have been provided to this village;
 - (ii) if so, the dates on which each such facility has been provided;
 - (iii) the starting point and destination of the transport facility provided; and
 - (iv) whether 'Maga Neguma' and 'Gama Neguma' projects have been implemented in the Grama Niladhari Division under which Eriyagama comes?
- (c) If not, why?

3695/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an advertisement was published by the Bank of Ceylon in 'Rivira' newspaper of 06.03.2013;
 - (ii) of the aim of publishing that advertisement;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent by Bank of Ceylon on that advertisement;
 - (iv) the Head of Expenditure under which that amount of money was spent; and
 - (v) whether it is possible to publish advertisement by Bank of Ceylon in the event of the appointment of a certain person to a certain post of some political party?
- (b) If not, why?

2602/'12

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the response of the government to the statements on page 65 in the summary of key observations and recommendations of the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation to the effect that the issues pertaining to law and order have still not been resolved, that armed groups commit various crimes in the North and East and that police have been politicized;
- (ii) since it has been stated in the said report that the use of fire arms had intensified political violence, whether he intends to take action to ease this situation; and
- (iii) if so, the date from which it will be done ?

(b) If not, why ?

3077/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Geological Survey and Mines Bureau has issued licenses illegally for earth and sand mining activities in wildlife parks and sanctuaries that come under the Forest Conservation Department; and
- (ii) permission has been granted by now for earth and sand mining activities in Parippukandan area adjacent to Andamkulam in Madupara Sanctuary in the Mannar District and in Galmetiyawa area in Naval Headworks Sanctuary in Trincomalee ?

(b) Will he admit that such activities are illegal according to the Article 7 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance which was lastly amended by the Act no. 22 of 2009 ?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to conduct a proper investigation with regard to the illegal permission given for earth and sand mining activities in wildlife parks and sanctuaries; and
- (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?

(d) If not, why ?

3117/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that since January 2010, certain lands in the Vavuniya District have been grabbed by politicians and politically affiliated officials?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names, acreages and values of the Government lands in the Vavuniya District of which ownerships have been transferred, leased out, alienated on permit or “Swarnabumi” deeds, on per land basis since 2010;
 - (ii) the reasons for transferring or handing over the aforesaid lands and not following the tender procedures therein ; and
 - (iii) whether the opportunities and facilities have been given to the people living for decades in the areas referred to in (a) and others to obtain lands as per above?
- (c) If not, why ?

3363/'12

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources Management;
 - (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 vehicles?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of vehicles in the institutions coming under the aforesaid Ministry that have been obtained on rent basis;
 - (ii) the method of payment of rent adopted in relation to those vehicles;
 - (iii) the total amount of money paid annually as rent on those vehicles; and
 - (iv) the officers who use those vehicles obtained on rent basis ?

(c) Will 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?

3616/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, of the number of students who sat for the “Law College Entrance Examination” annually and on each medium which was held for the admission of students to the Sri Lanka Law College from the year 2006 to 2011;
- (ii) separately, the percentage of students on each medium who got through the aforesaid examination in each of the above years;
- (iii) of the persons who under take the typewriting of the examination papers of the Law College Entrance Examination;
- (iv) of the place where it is carried out; and
- (v) of the persons who undertake the proof reading of the examination papers of the Law College Entrance Examination?

(b) Will he state whether the basic information such as the full name, address, sex and the medium of the candidates were indicated in the result sheet of the Law College Entrance Examination Conducted in the year 2011?

(c) If not, why?

3696/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an advertisement was published by the Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited in 'Rivira' newspaper of 06.03.2013;
- (ii) of the aim of publishing that advertisement;
- (iii) the amount of money spent by the company on that advertisement;
- (iv) the Head of Expenditure under which that amount of money was spent; and
- (v) whether the Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited can publish advertisements relating to a particular individual being appointed to a particular position of a political party ?

(b) If not, why?

2603/'12

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

(a) Will he state the response of the government regarding—

- (i) the statement made on page 66 in the summary of key observations and recommendations in the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation that as a result of not conducting an investigation in relation to the complaints received against Elam Peoples' Democratic Party, an impression of perpetrators not being punished could be created; and
- (ii) the statement expressing the regrets of the Commission regarding the failure to fully implement its interim recommendations on illegal armed groups ?

(b) If not, why ?

3078/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Ayurvedic medicine graduates that serve as medical practitioners in the public service are treated with the same status as that accorded to western medicine graduates; and
 - (ii) if so, the basic salary of each of these two categories of medicine graduates at recruitment, separately?
- (b) Is he aware that the Ayurvedic graduates in internship are not paid the allowances that are paid to western medicine graduates at internship in addition to their basic allowance?
- (c) Will he admit that this state of affairs causes an injustice to Ayurvedic medicine graduates?
- (d) If so, will he inform the House whether steps will be taken to rectify this state of affairs?
- (e) If not, why?

3118/'12

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

- (a) Will he state in relation to the Kurunegala - Habarana road development project;
 - (i) the length of the road;
 - (ii) time taken for the reconstruction;
 - (iii) whether the constructor was selected following a tender procedure;
 - (iv) if so, the name of the selected bidders;
 - (v) the funding sources;
 - (vi) the construction cost per Km;
 - (vii) whether compensation has been paid to anybody; and
 - (viii) if so, the names of the persons to whom compensations were paid?
- (b) If not, why ?