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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise Ordinance (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 22(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time, relating to Excise Duties on Liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1821/3 of 29th July 2013, which was presented on 08.10.2013, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 958)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise Ordinance (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 22(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time, relating to Excise Duties on Liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1821/4 of 29th July 2013, which was presented on 08.10.2013, be approved.

(Excise Notification Nos. 959, 960, 961)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 08.10.2013, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1821/18 of 29th July 2013)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the President, under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44 (2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1818/36 of 11th July 2013, which was presented on 08.10.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the President, under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44 (2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1821/32 of 31st July 2013, which was presented on 08.10.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the President, under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44 (2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1824/22 of 22nd August 2013, which was presented on 08.10.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulation under the Finance Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Part IV of the Finance Act, No. 12 of 2012 as amended by Finance Act, No. 12 of 2013 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1818/30 of 11th July 2013, which was presented on 08.10.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Finance Act,— That the Order made by the President, under Section 15(1) of the Finance Act, No. 12 of 2013, read with Article 44 (2) of the Constitution, relating to Crop Insurance Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1824/23 of 23rd August 2013, which was presented on 08.10.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1821/1 of 29th July 2013, which was presented on 08.10.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Inland Revenue Act (No.1),— That this Parliament resolves, under Section 97(1) (a) of the Inland Revenue Act, No.10 of 2006, that the Convention between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital signed on 31st January, 2013, which was presented on 08.10.2013 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Inland Revenue Act (No.2),— That this Parliament resolves, under Section 97(1) (a) of the Inland Revenue Act, No. 10 of 2006, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the State of Palestine for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income signed on 16th April, 2012, which was presented on 08.10.2013 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Inland Revenue Act (No.3),— That this Parliament resolves, under Section 97(1) (a) of the Inland Revenue Act, No.10 of 2006, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Republic of Seychelles for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income signed on 23rd September, 2011, which was presented on 08.10.2013 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Inland Revenue Act (No.4),— That this Parliament resolves, under Section 97(1) (a) of the Inland Revenue Act, No. 10 of 2006, that the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Belarus and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income signed on 26th August, 2013, which was presented on 08.10.2013 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under Sections 126 and 321 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971, read with Article 44 (2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1818/37 of 12th July 2013, which were presented on 08.10.2013, be approved.

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The Minister of Investment Promotion,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.1) ,— That the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion in consultation with the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 as amended, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1829/23 of 23rd September 2013, which was presented on 08.10.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*

The Minister of Investment Promotion,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion in consultation with the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 as amended, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1829/24 of 23rd September 2013, which was presented on 08.10.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

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Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

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Convention against Doping in Sport Bill— Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

Tuesday, November 05, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2589/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the value of the national income consumed by 20% out of the wealthiest persons in Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) the value of the national income consumed by 20 % out of the poorest persons in Sri Lanka?

(5)

- (b) Will he inform this House, if there is an anomaly in the distribution of national income according to the answers for the (a) (i) and (ii) above of the measures that the government has taken to rectify it?
- (c) If not, why?

2946/'12

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

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

3048/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware—
 - (i) that Sri Lanka Transport Board is the only institution out of all public bodies that does not pay the monthly salary of its employees, in full on time; and
 - (ii) the allocations made to the Ministry of Transport by the Budget is getting curtailed each day?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money required to pay the monthly salaries of the employees of the SLTB;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated for that by the last Budget; and
 - (iii) whether arrangements will be made to pay the salaries of the employees of the SLTB the proper manner by not subjecting, the allocations set aside for that purpose by the future Budgets, to any deductions?
- (c) If not, why?

(6)

3292/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of complaints received with regard to harassment caused to journalists during the period from the year 2005 up to the time when a Ministers' sub-committee was appointed in the year 2008 to look into the harassment caused to journalists;
 - (ii) the number of journalists who have been abducted or assaulted up to now since the appointment of the aforesaid Ministers' sub-committee; and
 - (iii) the steps taken by the government regarding the aforesaid acts?
- (b) If not, why?

3370/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of persons that are engaged in prostitution in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the programmes that have been implemented to rehabilitate those engaged in prostitution; and
 - (iii) the sum that has been allocated from the Budget-2013 for this purpose?
- (b) If not, why?

3582/'13

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the monthly salaries of the workers and the officers serving under the Kataragama Depot of the Sri Lanka Transport Board are not paid on the specified date; and
 - (ii) some of the workers have fallen to a very helpless situation because salaries were not paid on the due date?
- (b) Will he state the measures that will be taken regarding the problem of non-payment of salaries as above?
- (c) If not, why?

3633/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the total amount of money estimated for the reality programme “Rata Wiruwo Talent Star”, aired by a private television channel with the sponsorship of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment and the line Ministry ;
 - (ii) the said amount, the amount paid to the relevant television channel by the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment; and
 - (iii) the reasons for awarding the programme to a private television channel despite the availability of state television channels?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of those who served in the panel of judges and those who compered in the above programme;
 - (ii) separately, the amounts of money paid to them;
 - (iii) separately as per classes, the manner in which the booking of seats were made for flights during overseas visits of each such person; and
 - (iv) separately, the hotel in which the comperes and the panel of judges were accommodated and the amount of money spent for that purpose by the above Bureau?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether he admits that it is inappropriate to conduct reality programmes spending huge amounts of money when Sri Lankan migrant workers in Middle East being languished in camps?
- (d) If not, why?

3655/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the schools having less than 30 students within the Ampara District; and
 - (ii) the number of teachers serving in each such school separately?

(8)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a study has been conducted on whether it is advisable to continue to operate the schools concerned or else for the purpose of improving the schools and increasing the number of students; and
- (ii) if so, the number of schools so developed accordingly?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) the number of schools in the Ampara District that were closed down due to drop in numbers of students within the past 5 years;
- (ii) whether action has been taken to give alternative schools to the students of the schools so closed down;
- (iii) the present condition of the buildings of the schools so closed down;
- (iv) whether the buildings have been used for some other purpose;
- (v) if so, what those purposes are; and
- (vi) if not, whether they are left to crumble?

(d) If not, why?

3724/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether it has been reported that a hit and run incident took place on Duplication Road on 02 March 2013;
- (ii) if so, whether the injured person was hospitalized;
- (iii) whether that incident has been recorded by the CCTV system located close by;
- (iv) of the measures taken in relation to that accident; and
- (v) whether anyone has been arrested in connection with that accident?

(b) If not, why?

3899/'13

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

- (a) Is he aware—
 - (i) that there are about 98 stalls for small scale vendors in the Station Road in Kandy;
 - (ii) that a scheme to remove the aforesaid stalls of the small vendors and construct a new shopping complex has been proposed;
 - (iii) that a sum of Rs. 2,50,000.00 has already been charged from each small scale vendor by the Kandy office of the Urban Development Authority; and
 - (iv) whether the Urban Development Authority is taking action to charge further Rs. 950,000.00 in addition to the aforesaid amount?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to direct the Urban Development Authority not to charge such an exorbitant amount to provide new stalls as the aforesaid small scale vendors do not have the financial strength to pay such an amount?
- (c) If not, why?

3914/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that certain gathering of information has taken place with the knowledge of the Urban Development Authority on the families living in areas such as Nelson Lane, Pansalwatta, Mosque Lane, Muhandiram Road and Stationwatta belonging to the Kollupitiya Grama Niladhari Division in Colombo West;
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the purpose of gathering the aforesaid information ;
 - (ii) the officials who gather such information;
 - (iii) the information they gathered;
 - (iv) the meaning of the sticker affixed on the houses in the said areas; and
 - (v) the reason for taking photographs of the said houses?
- (c) If not, why?

3915/'13

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Sri Lanka Army has taken over some lands belonging to the Kankasanthurai Cement Factory and put up a Camp there; and
 - (ii) some iron parts of the Cement Factory at Kankasanthurai have been removed by the Army?
- (b) Will he state whether the necessary steps will be taken to restart the Cement Factory at Kankasanthurai early?
- (c) If not, why ?

4098/'13

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are issues with regard to the credibility of the weather forecasts released by the Meteorological Department;
 - (ii) the aforesaid department has failed on various occasions to inform the people about the bad weather conditions at least by studying the weather forecasts of foreign countries with regard to the bad weather conditions that will affect Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) the citizens and specially the fisheries community has undergone loss of their lives and severe damages to their property due to the failure to issue accurate weather forecasts in time; and
 - (iv) it is important to modernize the early warning system of the department immediately to issue accurate weather forecasts in time?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to fill the vacancies for meteorologists in the Meteorological Department that have not been filled for a long period of time; and
 - (ii) the date on which all those vacancies will be exactly filled?
- (c) If not, why?

2604/'12

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

- (a) Will he state whether he admits the statement made on page 69 of the summary of main observations and recommendations of the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation that the interference made by the politicians of the ruling party with regard to appointing and transferring of public servants is a very serious issue ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the strong recommendation made by the above Commission that an independent Public Service Commission be appointed without delay, will be implemented; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which such a Commission will be appointed ?
- (c) If not, why?

3120/'12

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

- (a) Will he state in relation to the Trincomalee - Pulmudai 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 ?
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Friday, November 22, 2013
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2586/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the nature of the trade relationship that exists between Sri Lanka and the United States of America at present;
 - (ii) as to how important that trade relationship with the United States of America is for our country; and
 - (iii) the amounts of imports and exports between the two countries at present in Rupees millions?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is an effort to boycott the goods that are produced in the United States of America, within Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) if so, of the possible impact on Sri Lanka caused by such a boycott?
- (c) If not, why?

2883/'12

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(5)

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the number of students who studied in each of the classes from grade one to grade thirteen;
 - (ii) whether students other than those who were selected at the interview have been admitted to grade one;
 - (iii) the names of the students who have been admitted to grade one in that manner;
 - (iv) whether students have been admitted to other grades except for grade one; and
 - (v) the names of the students who have been admitted to other grades; in the national schools situated within the Galle Education Zone, in the year 2012?

(13)

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether there are legal documents which authorized the admission of students other than the students who were selected at the interview to the aforesaid schools; and
- (ii) whether he will submit those documents to this House?

(c) If not, why?

2932/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Sugar Industry Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, of the educational qualifications and addresses of the Chairman and the members of the Board of Directors of the Sugarcane Research Institute ; and
- (ii) of the privileges including the allowances enjoyed by them at present?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the monthly salary, allowances and other privileges offered to Dr. N.D. Kumarasinghe, Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Sugarcane Research Institute ;
- (ii) his permanent place of work from January 2012 up to date ; and
- (iii) the services obtained by the Sugarcane Research Institute of his service in the institute?

(c) If not, why ?

3121/'12

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

(a) Will he state in relation to the Anuradhapura - Mannar 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 ?

3260/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of families that have been resettled in the four villages named Kollankalatty, Tandai, Selvapuram and Mawattipuram in the Walikamam North area, separately;
 - (ii) the steps that have been taken for the welfare activities in the villages concerned; and
 - (iii) whether a programme has been launched to uplift the livelihood of the people in those villages?
- (b) If not, why?

3375/'12

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

- (a) Will he state separately and on District and Agrarian Services Centre basis—
 - (i) the number of farmers receiving the fertilizer subsidy at present; and
 - (ii) the number of 50 Kg bags of fertilizer issued annually for paddy cultivation under fertilizer subsidy scheme?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the institution which implement the Cultivation Insurance Scheme, encompassing every farmer receiving the fertilizer subsidy under the 2013 Budget proposals;
 - (ii) of the state of disaster against which benefits can be received under the relevant Cultivation Insurance Scheme;
 - (iii) accordingly, the amount paid as insurance compensation to each farmer; and
 - (iv) the date on which the relevant Cultivation Insurance Scheme will be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

3407/'13

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately, the quantity imported and the sum of money spent for importing—
 - (i) fishing vessels;
 - (ii) equipment required for fishing vessels;
 - (iii) fishing vessel engines;
 - (iv) fishing nets and materials required for fishing nets; and
 - (v) other fishing gear;related to fishery during the period from the year 2006 to 2012?
- (b) Will he also state separately the quantity manufactured and the sum of money spent for manufacturing—
 - (i) fishing vessels;
 - (ii) equipments required for fishing vessels;
 - (iii) fishing vessel engines;
 - (iv) fishing nets and materials required for fishing nets; and
 - (v) other fishing gearwithin the country in the aforesaid period?
- (c) If not, why?

3687/'13

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

- (a) Will he state the amount of money donated to the Sri Lanka Volleyball Federation by the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment separately in the years 2012/2013 for the promotion of the game of volleyball?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment generates income predominantly from the money charged from the Sri Lankan workers going abroad; and
 - (ii) when a large number of Sri Lankans are languishing in camps of Middle East, it is unfair to spend such money on other purposes such as the promotion of the game of volleyball without giving priority to rescue and bring them back to Sri Lanka expeditiously?
- (c) If not, why?

3725/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the Methodist Sinhalese Girls School in Mirissa has been closed down by now;
 - (ii) the reasons why the school was closed down;
 - (iii) what measures were taken regarding the properties that had belonged to the school following its closure;
 - (iv) whether the land that had belonged to the school has been granted to any person; and
 - (v) if so, the reasons why it was so granted?
- (b) If not, why?

3749/'13

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the name of the person who holds the ownership of Canowin Arcade Service Station situated by the Southern Highway;
 - (ii) whether the government gets any revenue from that service station; and
 - (iii) if so, of the manner in which the aforesaid revenue is earned?
- (b) If not, why?

3867/'13

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

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

4056/'13

Hon. A. Vinayagamoorthy,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the road leading from Medamahanuwara to Woodsaid Group Weeriyagolla has not been repaired for the last 20 years; and
 - (ii) people living in lines and school children of the Weeriyagolla area have to use the said road having no bus services with great difficulties ?
- (b) Will he state whether necessary steps be taken to get the aforesaid road repaired immediately?
- (c) If not, why?

4127/'13

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the plank bridge located on the road to Pudukudiyiruppu Manikkapura in the Mulathiwu District is in a very dangerous condition;
 - (ii) people are compelled to use this bridge daily despite the dangerous condition that prevails; and
 - (iii) the people of that area have made a request for immediate restoration of that plank bridge?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to restore that bridge?
- (c) If not, why?

2608/'12

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

- (a) Will he state whether—
 - (i) he is in agreement with the recommendation, given on page 67 of the summary of the main observations and recommendations of the report of the Commission of inquiry on lessons Learnt and Reconciliation, that it is suitable for the Police Department to be detached from institutions dealing with Defence; and
 - (ii) he agrees with the pronouncement made by the above Commission that the establishment of a permanent and independent Police commission is a prerequisite to repose public confidence in the Police ?

(18)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether steps will be taken to implement the above recommendation related to the police ; and
- (ii) if so, when ?

(c) If not, why ?

3079/'12

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of unemployed Ayurvedic medical graduates at present;
- (ii) whether he admits that there is a system based on merit lists to recruit MBBS graduates to the public service after the intern period and lack of such a national policy for the Ayurvedic medical graduates (BAMS) is a grave injustice against them; and
- (iii) if so, whether action will be taken forthwith to formulate a national policy to provide a proper solution to the unemployment problem of the Ayurvedic medical graduates ?

(b) If not, why ?

Saturday, November 23, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2609/'12

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

(a) Will he state—

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

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether attention will be paid to the aforesaid matters and the steps taken to remedy this situation; and
- (ii) if so, the date on which such steps will be initiated ?

(c) If not, why?

2700/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the migrant workers had been granted the facility of importing a motor vehicle under duty concessions, once they have deposited a sum of 20000 US Dollars out of their income in a Sri Lankan bank;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid facility has been suspended by now; and
- (iii) if so, the factors that contributed to it ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to restore the facility given to import a vehicle under duty concessions mentioned in (a) (i) above; and
- (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done ?

(c) If not, why?

3111/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he state in relation to the Colombo Stock Exchange—

- (i) the number of cases of insider dealings that have been inquired and processed from the inception;
- (ii) the names of such cases, the amounts involved and the final decisions arrived on;
- (iii) the number of cases involved in market manipulations like 'Pump and Dump'; and
- (iv) the names of the accused, as to when the inquiries were held and the final decisions arrived on the aforesaid cases?

(b) Will he also state for the last 5 years—

- (i) the number of instances in which companies have been suspected on the Stock Exchange;
- (ii) the names of the suspected companies; and
- (iii) the reasons for the suspicions on the aforesaid companies?

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(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the existing laws are sufficient enough to overcome the manipulators in Stock Exchange; and
- (ii) if not, the solutions and the suggestions to resolve the manipulations?

(d) If not, why ?

3262/'12

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

(a) Will he state —

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

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of child and maternity clinics held, within a month, in the aforesaid child and maternity clinic center, prior to the renovation works; and
- (ii) of the number of child and maternity clinics held, within a month, after the renovations, by now?

(c) If not, why?

3290/'12

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) W.M. Surekha De Silva, a young woman had been sent to Saudi Arabia for employment by Al-Athees Foreign Employment Agency located in Maradana, Colombo;
- (ii) she had died there; and
- (iii) the aforesaid Foreign Employment Agency had furnished fake police reports and other fake details in order to send her abroad?

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- (b) Will he state of the legal action initiated against this agency which sent the said young woman abroad on fake details?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the reason that led to the death of Surekha De Silva has been discovered as at present;
 - (ii) if so, what the reason is;
 - (iii) whether the Autopsy report in relation to that death will be presented; and
 - (iv) whether arrangements will be made to pay the compensation receivable by the parents on behalf of this dead young woman?
- (d) If not, why?

3377/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Divisional Education Offices in the North Central Province;
 - (ii) the names of those Divisional Education Offices; and
 - (iii) separately, the number of schools that have been closed down in each Divisional Education area by 2012 ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the number of Acting Principals in the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts; and
 - (ii) the schools in which those Acting Principals serve ?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) separately, the number of Principals with grades in each Education Division in the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts;
 - (ii) whether arrangements will be made for appointing the Principals with grades who have not yet been appointed as Principals, to schools;
 - (iii) whether Acting Principals have been appointed to schools in which there are teachers with Principal grades; and
 - (iv) if so, separately and on the basis of Education Divisions, the schools in the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts in which such appointments have been made ?
- (d) If not, why ?

3726/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of cadet corps established in schools island wide;
 - (ii) of the approximate number of students representing the corps;
 - (iii) whether a Seva Vanitha Unit can be established in the Cadet Corps Headquarters as per the Utilization of Manpower Act, No. 40 of 1985;
 - (iv) whether instructions have been given to get each student to sell tickets worth 2500 rupees to fund the construction of an auditorium at the Cadet Corps Headquarters;
 - (v) of the amount of income expected; and
 - (vi) of the available legal sanction for selling tickets in this manner?
- (b) If not, why?

3750/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the cost of construction that was estimated for the Dikowita Fishery Harbour;
 - (ii) of the total amount of money that was spent on constructing the aforesaid harbour; and
 - (iii) of the date of commencement and the date of completion of the construction work of the aforesaid harbour?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the type of fishing craft that can be operated in Dikowita Fishery Harbour;
 - (ii) separately, the number of fishing craft of each type that can be operated in the aforesaid harbour;
 - (iii) of the daily fish yield obtained through the aforesaid harbour;
 - (iv) of the numbers of direct and indirect employment opportunities provided through the aforesaid harbour at present;
 - (v) of the objectives that were expected to be achieved through the construction of the aforesaid harbour; and
 - (vi) whether the aforesaid targets have been achieved by now?
- (c) If not, why?

2619/'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 Trincomalee 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 ?

3080/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether,—
 - (i) a new service minute is being prepared or has been prepared for Sri Lanka Ayurvedic Doctors' Service;
 - (ii) it is known that there is an accusation to the effect that ayurvedic doctors are undervalued through it; and
 - (iii) steps will be taken to amend the new service minute to preserve the dignity of the ayurvedic doctor?
- (b) Will he also inform this House,—
 - (i) whether it is known that diplomas in ayurvedic medicine are awarded through private institutions to unqualified persons under the guise of protecting traditional generations of ayurvedic doctors;
 - (ii) whether he accepts that this is a severe injustice on the part of the students who obtain degrees from the ayurvedic medical colleges;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to eliminate the aforesaid injustice; and
 - (iv) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

3122/'12

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

- (a) Will he state in relation to the Vavuniya - Jaffna 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 ?

3379/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately and on the basis of each District, the number of hospitals administered by the North-Central Provincial Council;
 - (ii) separately, the approved cadre including the approved number of doctors, nurses, labourers and other staff in each such hospital; and
 - (iii) out of the above hospitals, the number of hospitals with vacancies in the approved cadre existing under each hospital?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money allocated by the North Central Provincial Council to the Ministry of Health of that province in 2012;
 - (ii) of the services discharged in hospitals out of that amount;
 - (iii) of the number of patients who have received treatment from each of the hospitals in the North-Central Province in 2012 ;
 - (iv) as a whole, the amount of money spent by the Ministry of Health of the North Central Province on each patient who received treatment during that year ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3728/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,- To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reason to re-open the Ranminitenna Tele-Cinema Village on 05th March 2013, which was opened several years ago;
 - (ii) the art related work that took place there from the day it opened, up to March 2013;
 - (iii) the total amount of money that has been spent for that project of Tele- Cinema Village;
 - (iv) separately, the amount of money spent on the two functions held to declare open that village; and
 - (v) about the programme that will be implemented to use this place to, uplift the field of art?

- (b) If not, why?

3732/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the name of the person who holds the office of the Additional General Manager of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment; and
 - (ii) the monthly salary and other allowances received by the person holding the aforesaid office?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the person holding the office of General Manager in the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Agency;
 - (ii) the monthly salary and allowances received by the person holding the aforesaid office;
 - (iii) whether there is a familial relationship between the person holding the aforesaid office and the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare; and
 - (iv) if so, what that relationship is?

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(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether there is a possibility for a single person to hold positions in both the above mentioned institutions; and
- (ii) accordingly, whether action will be taken to rectify this situation if holding posts in two institutions is considered an offence?

(d) If not, why?

3123/'12

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

(a) Will he state in relation to the Anuradhapura - Vavuniya 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 ?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Saturday, November 23, 2013)

2303/'12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(4)

(a) Will he state separately —

- (i) the number of school children who were hospitalized or who lost their lives due to dengue fever, motor accidents, committing suicide, food poisoning or being subjected to physical or mental harassments in each of the years during the period from the year 1990 to 2011, and the names of the schools to which they belonged; and
- (ii) as per the age group and the school to which the child belongs, the number of school children who were accused of committing various offences and produced before the Juvenile Court during the past year?

(b) If not, why ?

2905/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of governments that have been ruling Sri Lanka from the independence to date;
 - (ii) the number of members in the Cabinet of Ministers of each government referred to in (a) (i) separately from the beginning to the end ; and
 - (iii) the average cost per Minister in the years 1985, 1995, 2005 and 2012 separately?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) as to why the number of Ministers in the Cabinet is not limited by law as it has been done in Provincial Council Act; and
 - (ii) whether the increase in the number of Cabinet Ministers has helped the country or placed more burden on the country?
- (c) If not, why?

3289/'12

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) detailed information of the roads coming under local authorities in the Galle District, which were closed down due to the Southern Expressway Construction Project or used in its construction work, separately for each local authority;
 - (ii) whether monetary allocations were provided to the relevant local authorities by the Southern Expressway Project or another government institution for the damages caused to the aforesaid roads;
 - (iii) if so, whether the relevant roads have been mended by the local authorities concerned using the funds provided in the aforesaid manner ?

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- (b) Will he inform this House with regard to each local authority separately, if allocations were provided as mentioned in (a) (ii) above;
 - (i) the name of the institution which provided funds;
 - (ii) the roads concerned for which funds were provided; and
 - (iii) the amount provided for each road and the relevant date ?
 - (c) If not, why ?
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Monday, November 25, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2620/'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 Batticaloa 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 ?

2998/'12

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(3)

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

3081/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether there is an attempt to incorporate amendments to the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act, No. 27 of 2006;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for delaying it; and
 - (iii) the date on which the amendments will be introduced after clearing the obstacles that delay them?
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) separately and on per year basis, the number of persons who died of smoking during the last 8 years including the year 2012;
 - (ii) the amount of money the government has to spend per person afflicted with cancers or other diseases caused by smoking; and
 - (iii) separately, the number of hospital beds that had to be allocated for persons afflicted with diseases caused by smoking from the year 2005 to 2012?
- (c) Will he also inform this House,—
 - (i) the percentage of the funds allocated for persons afflicted with cancers or other diseases caused by smoking, out of the allocations made for the health sector by the Budget 2012; and
 - (ii) whether that sum has increased compared to last year?
- (d) If not, why?

3124/'12

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

- (a) Will he state in relation to the Trincomalee— Anuradhapura 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 ?

3143/'12

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (3)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the percentage of students that gets qualified to pursue higher education out of nearly forty three lakhs of school children ;
 - (ii) whether he admits the fact that this percentage is at a minimum level when compared to other countries of the world ;
 - (iii) separately, the amounts of money spent on education during the last twenty years except in the year 2012, as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Revenue in each year ; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent on education by the government in the year 2012, as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Revenue?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) seeking monetary contributions from parents for school education has become a common practice now ; and
 - (ii) the reason for that is the government's failure to allocate adequate funds for education?
- (c) If not, why ?

3196/'12

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (5)

- (a) Is he aware—
- (i) that a large number of Sri Lankan females and males who have gone to Saudi Arabia as house maids and for other jobs after getting registered in the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment, stay in the "Olaya" detention camp and under the "Jeda" Bridge at present, undergoing immense suffering; and
 - (ii) that various factors such as not receiving proper working places, violence and not paying salaries as per the relevant agreements have contributed for that?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether action will be taken to bring the aforesaid group of Sri Lankans to the country immediately ; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to implement a practical programme which can be executed immediately to uplift the protection, welfare and economy of their families?
- (c) If not, why?

3423/'13

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of identified species of birds found within Sri Lanka;
- (ii) how many of them are endemic species;
- (iii) the number of endemic species of birds already extinct and endemic species of birds currently endangered; and
- (iv) the steps that have been taken to conserve the endangered species of birds?

(b) If not, why?

3469/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of foreign tours the President has participated in, from the year 2005 up to now;
- (ii) the names of the countries to which those tours were made;
- (iii) the amount spent on each of those tours, separately;
- (iv) the number of persons who joined the President in each of those tours, separately;
- (v) the deliberations held and agreements signed in each of those tours; and
- (vi) the benefits enjoyed, are being enjoyed or expected to be enjoyed by the country, through each of those tours, discussions and agreements, separately ?

(b) If not, why ?

3731/'13

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

(a) Is he aware that a letter dated 20.02.2012 signed by the Director of Education of the Piliyandala Education Zone and sent to the Principal of Ananda Samarakoon Vidyalaya in Wewala, has instructed the Principal of the school;

- (i) to make prompt arrangements to enroll the students who get through the grade 5 scholarship examination in that school, in the Darmaraja Vidyalaya Madampe; and
- (ii) informed that a huge sum of money has been allocated by the government on the development of Ananda Samarakoon Vidyalaya in Wewala under the Mahinda Chinthana Vision for the Future?

(b) Will he inform this House,—

- (i) of the amount of money utilized on the development of Ananda Samarakoon Vidyalaya in Wewala;
- (ii) of the purposes for which those funds have been utilized; and
- (iii) as to who made such monies available and under which programme?

(c) If not, why?

3751/'13

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) in Sri Lankan Rupees of the price of a barrel of crude oil which was imported to be refined and issued to the market after 23rd February 2013;
- (ii) of the refining cost per barrel of the aforesaid crude oil;
- (iii) separately, of the costs incurred on a litre of refined petrol, diesel and kerosene oil before the taxes and the profit added into; and
- (iv) separately, of the tax and the profit added to the price of a litre of diesel and kerosene;

(b) Will he state —

- (i) separately, the cost incurred on a litre of refined diesel and kerosene oil which was imported for sale since 23rd February 2013; and
- (ii) separately the selling prices of a litre of petrol, diesel and kerosene oil since 24th February 2013?

(c) Will he also state —

- (i) whether he admits the fact that the aforesaid prices have to be fixed on fuel oils due to the management inefficiency, waste and corruption prevail in the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation; and
- (ii) whether action will be taken to rectify the aforesaid situation and to sell fuel oils at reasonable prices?

(d) If not, why ?

2621/'12

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

- (a) Will he state the programmes implemented in the Eastern Province under the Eastern Pre-awakening programme (Nagenahira Navodaya) during the years 2009, 2010 and 2011?
- (b) Will he inform this House, separately pertaining to the aforesaid programmes—
 - (i) the amount of money spent at the Divisional Secretariat Division level; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent under each heading?
- (c) Will he also state whether the aforesaid programmes are sufficient to develop the Eastern Province?
- (d) If not, why ?

3082/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately and on per year basis and in relation to the period from the year 2005 to 2012;
 - (i) the number of persons who became patients owing to the use of alcohol;
 - (ii) the number of persons who died of the use of alcohol;
 - (iii) the number of persons who died of accidents due to drunk driving; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent on persons who become ill owing to the use of alcohol out of the money allocated for the health sector by the government annually?
- (b) If not, why?

3424/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of identified species of butterflies found within Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) how many of them are endemic species;
 - (iii) the number of endemic species of butterflies already extinct and endemic species of butterflies currently endangered; and
 - (iv) the steps that have been taken to conserve the endangered species of butterflies?
- (b) If not, why?

3637/'13

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he state pertaining to the proposed modernisation for upgrading the Sapugakanda Oil Refinery —
 - (i) the present status;
 - (ii) the technology that is being used;
 - (iii) the country being involved; and
 - (iv) as to why the said modernisation has not been done yet?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) as to why the loan of USD 1.5 Billion that the Iranian government pledged to grant in 2009 is not utilised for the modernisation of the Sapugaskanda Oil Refinery; and
 - (ii) the payback period of the aforesaid loan ?
- (c) If not, why?

3735/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a newspaper advertisement was published pertaining to the call for interviews held for the recruitment of the Chief Executive of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation for the year 2012;
 - (ii) whether applications were called pertaining to the recruitment for the aforesaid post;
 - (iii) if so, of the persons who have submitted applications accordingly; and
 - (iv) the reasons for not recruiting the persons who were selected, as per the call mentioned above?
 - (b) Will he also state separately—
 - (i) the name of the present Managing Director of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (ii) what his qualifications are;
 - (iii) the date on which he was recruited; and
 - (iv) what his salary scales are?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Tuesday, November 26, 2013
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2451/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will admit that a large extent of lands situated in the present insecure area of the Nilwala River Scheme can be developed by implementing its III Phase ;
 - (ii) whether plans necessary for its implementation have been made ;
 - (iii) whether the funds necessary for it have been allocated by now ;
 - (iv) of the amount of money thus allocated ;
 - (v) of the country or the institution that provides funds for it ; and
 - (vi) if so, the date on which this project will be commenced ?
- (b) If not, why?

2622/'12

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

- (a) Will he state the projects implemented in the Northern Province under the “Uthuru Wasanthaya” programme during the year 2009, 2010 and 2011?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately, pertaining to the aforesaid projects—
 - (i) the amount of money spent at the Divisional Secretariat Division level; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent under each subject?
- (c) Will he also state whether the aforesaid projects are sufficient to develop the Northern Province?
- (d) If not, why ?

3125/'12

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

- (a) Will he state in relation to the Puttalam —Anuradapura 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 ?

3425/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of identified species of bees found within Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) how many of them are endemic species;
 - (iii) the number of endemic species of bees already extinct and endemic species of bees currently endangered; and
 - (iv) the steps that have been taken to conserve the endangered species of bees?
- (b) If not, why?

3698/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

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

3734/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Technology and Research,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the steps that must be taken by Sri Lanka in the event of any radiation leaks which could occur at the Kudamkulam Nuclear Plant located in the State of Tamilnadu in India;
 - (ii) whether Sri Lanka has adopted any safety precautions in preparation of facing such a situation;and
 - (iii) if so, of the aforementioned safety methodology that will be adopted?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether Sri Lanka which is located within a radius of about 500 Km has been informed and its consent obtained when setting up the aforesaid nuclear plant as per the legal frame work of the International Atomic Energy Agency;and
 - (ii) if approval of Sri Lanka was granted, the conditions which were relevant for the same?
- (c) If not, why?

3747/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of persons who have been imprisoned after being found guilty of the offence of rape in each of the years during the period from the year 2007 to 2012 separately; and
 - (ii) the breakdown of the aforesaid persons as per the age at which they were imprisoned will be furnished?
- (b) If not, why?

3934/'13

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of ships belonging to Ceylon Shipping Lines;
 - (ii) the number out of them given on lease;
 - (iii) the names of the persons who have been given those ships;
 - (iv) the lease income earned through that by now; and
 - (v) the income received through the total number of ships owned by Ceylon Shipping Lines?
- (b) If not, why?

2627/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the measures taken by now to develop the fisheries industry of Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) separately, the amount of money allocated annually for the fisheries sector from the year 2005 to 2011 ; and
 - (iii) whether the money allocated was sufficient for each of the said years?
- (b) If not, why ?

3126/'12

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

- (a) Will he state in relation to the Dambulla - Anuradhapura 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 ?

3293/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a Ministers' sub-committee was appointed in Room No. 2/08 at the Bandaranayaka Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH) under the leadership of the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development to look into the harassments taking place against media personnel in Sri Lanka ?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid sub-committee has been abolished by now; and
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for that ?
- (c) Will he state separately on per year basis—
 - (i) the amount of money spent on the rent, telephone bills and electricity bills of the building in which the Ministers' sub-committee to look into the harassments taking place against media personnel in Sri Lanka housed; and
 - (ii) the total amount of money spent for other expenses in addition to the expenses mentioned in (i) above ?
- (d) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the Ministry that the aforesaid expenditure was borne and the relevant Expenditure Heads; and
 - (ii) if the aforesaid payments have not yet been made by now the date on which it will be done ?
- (e) If not, why ?

3433/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of families and the total number of members belonging to those families which were rendered helpless as a result of the floods and landslides that occurred in the year 2012;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent for providing them with relief; and
 - (iii) separately the amount of such money spent on each of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions and on each District?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money allocated per day in order to provide cooked meals to a person displaced by the floods;
 - (ii) the number of days for which such an amount is allocated;
 - (iii) whether allocations have been made to provide infant formula to the infants of the families subjected to distresses mentioned above;
 - (iv) whether dry rations are given to those families;
 - (v) if so, of the amount of money allocated for the abovementioned purpose; and
 - (vi) of the period for which such an allocation is made?

(c) Will he also state —

- (i) whether compensation will be paid for the houses of the unauthorized occupants which are affected by the floods;
- (ii) if so, the amount of money paid; and
- (iii) whether there is a programme to relocate occupants of river, rivulet and stream reserves which are prone to floods in alternate places?

(d) If not, why?

3578/'13

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the current amount of foreign reserves in the Central Bank;
- (ii) the current per capita debt;
- (iii) the total debt burden; and
- (iv) the state debt burden?

(b) If not, why?

3699/'13

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the average import price (CIF Value) per Metric ton at which petrol was imported within February 2013;
- (ii) the approximate volume of a Metric ton of petrol in litres;
- (iii) as such, the average price of a litre of petrol as it is unloaded at the port in February 2013;
- (iv) the amounts of different taxes charged by the government on each litre of petrol, separately;
- (v) the profit derived by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from each litre of petrol; and
- (vi) the distribution cost of a litre of petrol and the profit derived by the filling station by selling a litre of petrol?

(b) If not, why?

3748/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he admits that consumption of liquor should be minimized in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, of the steps that have been taken by the government to minimize consumption of liquor;
 - (iii) whether the policy of minimizing the consumption of liquor in the country has been effective given the number of liters of liquor that is currently being consumed?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, November 27, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2460/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there is a plan to deepen the stretch of Nilwala river from Matara Mahanama bridge to the sea ;
 - (ii) if so, the objectives, expected to be achieved through that plan ;
 - (iii) the amount of money expected to be spent on that project ;
 - (iv) whether the money required for that will be obtained from the domestic funds or the foreign funds ; and
 - (v) the names of the relevant countries of institutions, if foreign funds are obtained ?
- (b) If not, why?

2639/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to make 5 Litres of kerosene oil available to every family which uses kerosene oil as its source of light, until the aim of providing electricity to all in 2012 is achieved, as mentioned in the Mahinda Chinthana Vision for the Future ; and
 - (ii) if so, the number of families to which 5 Litres of kerosene oil are provided with, as mentioned above?
- (b) If not, why ?

3128/'12

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

- (a) Will he state in relation to the Trincomalee - Batticaloa 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 ?

3368/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the—
 - (i) number of Children's Homes found in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) number of children living in those Children's Homes;
 - (iii) total budget allocation in 2013 for the care, of those children;
 - (iv) total amount allocated for the development of skills of institutionalized children; and
 - (v) amount spent per child for the said purpose?
- (b) If not, why?

3612/'13

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of students that was enrolled in the Colleges of Education in year 2011; and
 - (ii) separately, per each College of Education, the dates on which the batches of students were enrolled in, 18 colleges of Education for the last time ?

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(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) separately , of the number of students who were qualified, for each College of Education, after passing, Advanced Level in 2011;
- (ii) of the dates on which they were enrolled; and
- (iii) the date on which the gazette notification, concerning the aforesaid enrollment, was issued;

(c) If not, why?

3937/13

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,—To ask the Minister of Power and Energy—(1)

(a) Will she inform this House—

- (i) whether the Ceylon Electricity Board did ever have any interest whatsoever in regard to LTL Projects (Pvt.) Ltd. or an institution having a similar name;
- (ii) if so, the percentages of the shares owned by the Ceylon Electricity Board out of the shares of the aforesaid institution by 31st December in each year since the date it was established up to now;
- (iii) if there has been a decrease of the quantity of shares owned by the Ceylon Electricity Board out of the shares of the aforesaid institution due to some reason , the names of the persons / institutions that own the aforesaid shares which have decreased at present;
- (iv) the percentages of the shares owned by the aforesaid persons/ institutions ;
- (v) the basis on which the aforesaid shares were transferred to the persons/institutions mentioned above ?

(b) If not, why ?

2640/'12

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Samurdhi allowance provided to every family that receives less than 1000 rupees as Samurdhi relief has been increased upto 1000 rupees from November 2011 as mentioned in the Mahinda Chinthana Vision for the Future ; and
- (ii) if so, the number of families whose Samurdhi allowance has been increased by now in the aforesaid manner?

(b) If not, why ?

3083/'12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the types of cigarettes, the prices of which have escalated corresponding to the increase in the per capita Gross Domestic Product from 2002 to 2011;
- (ii) if there are any types of cigarettes the prices of which have not escalated so, what they are;
- (iii) the amount by which the price of the cigarette of the brand Dunhill went up in March 2012; and
- (iv) separately the revenue received by the government and the Tobacco Company by selling one cigarette as a result of the above price hike?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately the total number of cigarettes sold in Sri Lanka in 2010 and 2011; and
- (ii) of the percentage of the increase or decrease of the sale of cigarettes as per the above figures?

(c) If not, why?

3129/'12

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

(a) Will he state in relation to the Habarana—Polonnaruwa 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 ?

3371/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, on per year basis, the number of cases of women and child abuse that have taken place in each District in Sri Lanka for the years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012; and
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been allocated for the year 2013 to prevent women and child abuse?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of illegal abortions taking place per day in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the steps that have been taken in the Ministerial level to prevent illegal abortions; and
 - (iii) whether a clear decrease in illegal abortions has been indicated due to the aforesaid measures?
- (c) If not, why?

3613/'13

Hon. (Mrs) Rosy Senanayake, — To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a “carpet road” is being constructed through, the Maduru Oya National Forest Reserve;
 - (ii) whether the approval of the Department of Wild Life Conservation has been obtained;
 - (iii) if so, whether the documents regarding the aforesaid approval, will be, submitted; and
 - (iv) whether a report, has been prepared, on the possible environmental damage which could be caused, prior to the commencement of the aforesaid project?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the total distance of the aforesaid road;
 - (ii) the total distance of the part of the aforesaid road which runs through the Maduru Oya forest reserve;
 - (iii) the objectives of the construction of the aforesaid road; and
 - (iv) the institution, by which this project is implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

3938/13

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,—To ask the Minister of Power and Energy—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the names and addresses of all the advisors (including presidential advisors) who provide advice directly or indirectly to Ceylon Electricity Board; and
 - (ii) of all the payments made to the aforesaid advisors/ consultants;
- (b) If not, why?

2641/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a women's data bank that facilitates the obtaining of information relating to economic and professional aspects, has been established, as mentioned in the 'Mahinda Chinthana Vision for the Future' ; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which that women's data bank was established?
- (b) If not, why ?

3130/'12

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

- (a) Will he state in relation to the Habarana—Trincomalee 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 ?

3395/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Sri Lanka Samurdhi Authority deducts an amount of Rs. 50/= from the monthly salary of the Samurdhi officers and managers to subscribe to the fund that was set up to ensure their social security; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid fund does not entertain Samurdhi Social Security claims for about a period of two years?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the balance of the account opened for that fund by now;
 - (ii) the number of persons who have been paid the, claims from that fund after 30 June 2012;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent for that; and
 - (iv) whether immediate action will be taken to settle claims that have not been paid up to now?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, November 28, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1971/'11

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the building which houses the Divisional Education Office of Pasgoda, coming under the Deniyaya Education Zone in Matara District is in a severely dilapidated condition; and
 - (ii) as the aforesaid building is situated within the premises of the M/Urubokka National School it self, it has become a serious threat to the lives of the students and the employees of that school?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to renovate this building expeditiously; and
 - (ii) whether allocations have been made for that purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

2593/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to formulate a rice-paddy price formula regarding the purchasing of paddy and selling of rice so as to ensure justice for both the paddy farmer and the rice consumer;
 - (ii) if so, what that price formula is; and
 - (iii) the date on which the aforesaid price formula will be implemented ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2713/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) as to when the first meeting was officially held with the State Secretary of the U.S.A. prior to the bringing of a resolution against Sri Lanka to the Human Rights Council in Geneva in March 2012;
 - (ii) the matters discussed at the aforesaid meeting;
 - (iii) whether it had been envisaged after the above meeting that the U.S.A. would have brought a resolution as per above ; and
 - (iv) whether the negligence, the arrogance and incompetence caused the losing of the aforesaid resolution in Sri Lankan point of view?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the corrective measures taken todate in relation to the resolution passed in Geneva ;
 - (ii) as to why the government consented to meet Mrs. Hilary Clinton ,State Secretary of the USA on 18th May 2012 changing its stand otherwise; and
 - (iii) the matters discussed there and the matters that are being implemented now as per the outcome of the said meeting?
- (c) If not, why?

3372/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of decentralized allocations received by a Member of Provincial Council in the North Central Provincial Council;
 - (ii) whether they have been informed by a circular the development activities on which the aforesaid allocations should be expended; and
 - (iii) if so, what those activities are?
- (b) Will he admit that the money received through decentralized funds—
 - (i) are not properly allocated to the relevant societies or persons;
 - (ii) are utilized by certain Provincial Councilors for their personal use; and
 - (iii) are utilized fraudulently by the Provincial Councilors with the help of the officers in the process of spending that money?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the relevant District Secretariats intervened in providing decentralized funds to the Provincial Councils;
 - (ii) if not, the reasons for that;
 - (iii) if that is done through Divisional Secretariats whether the Provincial Council will conduct a follow up in this regard;
 - (iv) if not, reasons for that;
 - (v) whether the spending of decentralized money is done properly under the supervision of the Divisional Secretariats; and
 - (vi) if so, whether action will be taken to present its progress to the District Development Committee meeting?
- (d) If not, why?

3617/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans are afoot to include subject matters pertaining to sex education in the school curriculum;
 - (ii) if so, the subject stream to which sex education will be included; and
 - (iii) the grades for which such subject matters are expected to be included ?
- (b) If not, why?

3939/'13

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

(a) Will she inform this House—

- (i) the names of all the companies that have been established for generation , transmission and distribution of electricity of which the Ceylon Electricity Board has the ownership of at least one share;
- (ii) the break down of the share ownership of each of the aforesaid companies, separately;
- (iii) the names and addresses of the aforesaid share holders ;
- (iv) the names and addresses of the members of the board of directors of each of the aforesaid institutions ; and
- (v) the number of persons that have been appointed to the Ceylon Electricity Board ,which is managed by the government, out of the members of each board of directors mentioned above, separately?

(b) If not, why?

4252/'13

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether it is necessary for the officers who are recruited to the Sri Lanka Administrative Service based on the results of the Limited Competitive Examination held under the Sri Lanka Administrative Service minute number 509/7 of 07.06.1988 to pass the First Efficiency Bar Examination;
- (ii) if so, the clause of the aforesaid service minute which states that idea;
- (iii) if such a clause is not available, the measures taken under article 28 of the aforesaid service minute to include a condition in the appointment letters stating that it is necessary to pass the above Bar Examination; and
- (iv) if such a clause is not clearly indicated in the service minute and if measures have not been taken as per article 28, the basis on which the condition mentioned in (a) (iii) has been included in the letters of appointment of the officers recruited as above?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether any relief will be provided to the officers who are inconvenienced as a result of including conditions which are inconsistent with the aforesaid service minute in the relevant letters of appointment as mentioned above; and

(ii) if so, of the aforesaid relief?

(c) If not, why?

2452/'12

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

(a) Is he aware that a jeep and a cab, which belong to the Madulla Pradeshiya Sabha in Moneragala District, have been decaying in the Pardeshiya Sabha premises for a number of years ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether he admits that letting the aforesaid property decay in the Pradeshiya Sabha premises is a wastage of resources; and

(ii) of the reasons for not repairing and using these vehicles ?

(c) Will he state—

(i) the reason for not taking measures to generate an income by auctioning of the aforesaid two vehicles if they are not used by the Madulla Pradeshiya Sabha ; and

(ii) the obstacles for taking the aforesaid measures, if there are any ?

(d) If not, why?

2642/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this —

(i) whether action has been taken to grant a loan not exceeding Rupees Two Hundred Thousand under a concessionary interest rate to each family of woman headed households in the North and East for them to take up a suitable economic process ; and

(ii) if so, the number of families that have been granted the said loan?

(b) If not, why ?

3132/'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 Batticaloa 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 Batticaloa 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 Batticaloa 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 ?

3373/'12

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether a bus stand is being constructed in Anuradhapura new town by North Central Provincial Council
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the constructions were commenced;
 - (iii) whether the open tender procedure was followed, when the contract for the construction, was granted;
 - (iv) the number of companies, that forwarded the tenders;
 - (v) the names of those companies;
 - (vi) whether the capability of the companies had been taken into account, when contract was granted; and
 - (vii) the amount of money, approved for this contract?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the extent to which the constructions of the bus station had been completed as at 30.11.2012;
 - (ii) of the amount of money paid to the contractors in that regard;
 - (iii) whether aforesaid company had been informed a date on which aforesaid bus station should be transferred after constructions; and
 - (iv) whether money will be charged for the delay occurred, if the constructions have not been completed within the agreed time?
- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) whether he is aware of the obstructions that the public have to undergo due to the delay of the contractor;
 - (ii) if so, the steps that have been taken concerning that situation; and
 - (iii) the date of completion of the construction of the bus stand?
- (d) If not, why?

3618/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the name of the institution that is in charge of development activities in the 'Sigiriya' archeological area reputed for tourism and cultural importance;
 - (ii) whether measures have been taken to renovate the gravel access road to Sigiriya and to develop sanitation facilities in and around Sigiriya;
 - (iii) if so, the name of the institution which carries out renovates of the said gravel road;
 - (iv) if measures have been taken to develop Sigiriya town, the name of the institution which carries out same; and
 - (v) the party which is entitled for the income generated from activities in connection with the Sigiriya archeological area?
- (b) If not, why?

2643/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a methodology for providing a pension to every person over 65 years of age has been introduced as mentioned in Mahinda Chinthana Vision for the Future ; and
 - (ii) if so, of the details of such methodology?
- (b) If not, why ?

3131/'12

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

- (a) Will he state pertaining to the Jaffna District—
 - (i) all lands allocated to or alienated or forcefully handed over to since 1st January 2012; and
 - (ii) the reason for the taking over or transferring the aforesaid lands compensating the people ?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether state colonization is going on in the said district; and
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for doing so?
- (c) If not, why?

3295/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the journalists complain —
 - (i) transparency was not observed in giving free lap-top computers to journalists; and
 - (ii) computers were given to a set of journalists who work on contract basis and who have retired?
 - (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the period of service of each of the journalist provided with lap-top computers, separately;
 - (ii) if journalists who work on contract basis and retired journalists have been provided with the computers, the number of such journalists; and
 - (iii) their names and addresses; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent for providing computers as above?
 - (c) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of permanent journalists who have been provided with computers ; and
 - (ii) the amount of money that was spent for providing them with computers?
 - (d) If not, why ?
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Friday, November 29, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2645/'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 a special housing scheme has been implemented to address the housing problem of police officers as mentioned in Mahinda Chinthana Vision for the Future ; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which that special housing scheme was started?
- (b) If not, why ?

3133/'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 Ampara 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 Ampara 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 Ampara 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 ?

3374/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the—
 - (i) total number of AIDS patients identified within Sri Lanka by 2012;
 - (ii) number of AIDS patients identified in the years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, separately;
 - (iii) number of female and male patients identified in each of the aforesaid years, separately;
 - (iv) the districts where an increase of AIDS patients is witnessed; and
 - (v) reasons for such increase?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he admits that the spread of AIDS in this country increases through the expatriate women and men ;
 - (ii) if so , whether persons returning from foreign countries are checked for AIDS at the air port ; and
 - (iii) if not, the reasons for that ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the rate at which prevalence of AIDS has increased in Sri Lanka within last year, compared with other countries of the world;
 - (ii) of the reasons for such increase;
 - (iii) whether financial allocations have been made by the budget and voluntary organizations in 2013 to arrest the spread of that disease; and
 - (iv) of the amount so allocated?
- (d) If not, why?

3396/'12

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

- (a) Will he admit that the President in his Budget Speech-2013 stated that an allowance of Rs. 5000/= will be given to the 1980 July strikers who have passed 65 years of age?

(57)

(b) Is he aware that—

- (i) the families of the 1980 July strikers live amidst severe economic hardships for more than 32 years; and
- (ii) the fact that the majority of the aforesaid strikers have passed away by now?

(c) Will he inform this House whether he will take action—

- (i) to reduce the proposed age limit of those who are entitled to that allowance mentioned in above (a) from 65 to 55 and provide relief to those families; and
- (ii) to give that allowance to the widow or a child of the deceased July striker?

(d) If not, why?

3619/'13

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a resettlement will take place in "Seeniyamottai" area where the persons displaced due to the war have been detained;
- (ii) whether water and sanitary facilities needed for that area have been provided;
- (iii) the number of families in "Seeniyamottai";
- (iv) their original places of residence; and
- (v) the date on which they will be resettled in their original places of residence?

(b) If not, why?

2646/'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 a methodology has been introduced to provide foreign scholarships to all the public servants as mentioned in the Mahinda Chinthana Vision for the Future ; and
 - (ii) if such a methodology has been introduced to grant scholarships, the details related to that methodology?
- (b) If not, why ?

3134/'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 Trincomalee 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 Trincomalee 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 Trincomalee 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 allegations come about?
- (d) If not, why ?

3397/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the staff of the Auditor General's Department consists of the employees of the Sri Lanka Audit Service and Auditing Inspectors Service;
 - (ii) the Service Minute relating to the officers of the Auditor General's Department has not been amended so far, although Service Minutes of other island wide Services have been amended;
 - (iii) the Service Minute relating to Auditing Officers has been presented to the Secretary to the President for the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers on 13.09.2010 by the Salaries and Cadre Commission following the receipt of the approval of the Director General of Establishments and the Salaries and Cadre Commission;
 - (iv) those officers complain that the Service Minute has not yet been submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers though two years have lapsed; and
 - (v) the employees of the Audit Service who have been without promotions for nearly 20 years are frustrated since the Service Minute was not amended?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether arrangements will be made to grant promotions for the staff by amending the Service Minute of the Audit Service?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, January 10, 2014

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.

P.196/'13

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Assisting India in obtaining a Permanent Seat in the United Nations,— That this Parliament resolves that India should be assisted in obtaining a Permanent Seat in the United Nations as India is Sri Lanka's closest friend.
