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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of Section 37 of the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka Act, No. 53 of 1998 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1736/21 of 13th December 2011, which were presented on 07.02.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of Section 37 of the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka Act, No. 53 of 1998 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1747/15 of 01st March 2012, which were presented on 07.02.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business*

Tuesday, March 04, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3396/12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (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?

(2)

(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?

4605/'13

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

(a) Will he state whether—

- (i) the Sections 63(1) to 63(4) of the Land Acquisition Act No. 09 of 1950 have been violated by the Regulations published in the Gazette (Extraordinary) No. 1596/12 dated April 07, 2009 ;
- (ii) the aforesaid Regulations are binding or of any force;
- (iii) the said Regulations have been approved by the Parliament and made in accordance with the Section 63(3) of the aforesaid Act; and
- (iv) they are unlawful and invalid?

(b) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Regulations referred to in (a) (i) have been unlawfully published in the Gazette disregarding the Parliamentary approval mandated by the Section 63(3) of the Land Acquisition Act; and
- (ii) the right to have payment of the market value for the lands acquired for public purposes have been deprived and denied by the aforesaid Regulations?

(c) Will he also state whether a Gazette notification will be issued afresh, cancelling the Regulations imposed by the Gazette No. 1596/12 of April 07, 2009?

(d) If not, why?

(3)

4629/'13

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the Land Reform Commission has allotted to the Urban Development Authority some portion out of the lands administered by the Balangoda Plantation Company and located within the limits of Ratnapura New Town for distribution among low income earners and public servants;
- (ii) if so, the total extent of such land;
- (iii) the number of lots that are to be distributed; and
- (iv) the assessed value of a perch of land so proposed to be distributed?

(b) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) the name of each of the public servants to whom plots of lands are proposed to be awarded, the designation last held by him or her and the extent of land scheduled to be allotted to him or her;
- (ii) the name of each of the low income earners from among the recipients of the lands referred to above, his or her monthly income and the extent of land he or she is to receive; and
- (iii) in the case of the proposed recipients of lands who have made payments in this regard, if any, the name and the number of the account to which the payments have thus been paid?

(c) If not, why?

Wednesday, March 05, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3687/'13

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

- (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?

(4)

(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?

4128/'13

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the students of Ambagasdowa Sri Sumanajothi Vidyalaya of Welimada visited the National Museum in Colombo on 26th March 2013;
- (ii) they faced an accident as a result of the collapse of the staircase of the museum; and
- (iii) school children and teachers suffered injuries as a result of that accident?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the number of students, teachers and adults who were injured in that accident;
- (ii) the current condition of those children and teachers injured in that accident;
- (iii) the measures taken by the government for those children injured in the said accident;
- (iv) whether an inquiry has been made regarding the disruption caused to the education of those children involved in that accident and whether remedial measures have been taken; and
- (v) the manner in which the government has paid attention to alleviate the difficulties faced by the families of those involved in that accident whose livelihood is farming?

(c) If not, why?

4129/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of—
 - (i) the development projects implemented in the Districts of Ampara, Batticaloa and Trincomalee to coincide with the Deyata Kirula programme of 2013;
 - (ii) the estimated cost of each of those projects;
 - (iii) the amount spent on each of those projects;
 - (iv) the institution which executed the contract with relevance to each project; and
 - (v) the current condition of each of those projects?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, March 06, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3229/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he state, for the Mihin Lanka Airline—
 - (i) the profit or loss from the year 2012 to date;
 - (ii) the profit or loss projected for the years 2013-2014;
 - (iii) the capital and reserves as at today;
 - (iv) the number of people working;
 - (v) whether it is overstaffed or understaffed;
 - (vi) the cost per employee and profit per employee; and
 - (vii) the total of the short term debt along with the bank overdrafts, the medium and long term debts as at today?
- (b) If not, why ?

3527/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 'Garumuni Walawwa' that belongs to the Central Cultural Fund and is located in the Balapitiya Divisional Secretary's Division is a monument with an archeological value;
 - (ii) the buildings belonging to that are in a very dilapidated condition at present; and
 - (iii) the people in the area complain that portions of the land belonging to that 'Walawwa' have been acquired by some people by force?

(6)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits the fact that ‘Garumuni Walawwa’ can be converted into a source of income for the government after its buildings being renovated;
 - (ii) if so, whether the renovation activities will be effected;
 - (iii) whether financial provisions have been allocated for that;
 - (iv) if so, the sum so allocated;
 - (v) of the date the renovation activities will be commenced;
 - (vi) whether arrangements will be made to evict those who have forcibly acquired lands belonging to the ‘Walawwa;’ and
 - (vii) if so, the date it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

3732/’13

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

- (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 the 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?
- (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?

4074/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of accidents that have occurred at unguarded level crossings during the years 2012 and 2013;
 - (ii) the number of persons who became disable due to those accidents; and
 - (iii) the measures that have been taken to mitigate such accidents?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the places that have been identified with unguarded level crossings;
 - (ii) separately, the security measures that will be adopted to mitigate accidents in each of those places;
 - (iii) whether the cost needed to take such precautionary measures has been estimated; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount of money so estimated?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of gates and electric signal systems that have been established at level crossings during the past two years;
 - (ii) the places where such installations were made ; and
 - (iii) the cost that has been borne for that?
- (d) If not, why?

4337/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the organizations or individuals that confer honorary titles such as Deshamanya, Deshabandu, Lankaputhra, Kalanidhi and Sri lanka Jana Ranjana;
 - (ii) whether there are any more persons who are to receive honorary titles mentioned above on the recommendations of that organization or those individuals;
 - (iii) if so, who they are; and
 - (iv) of the number of persons who have been recommended for each of the honorary titles mentioned above in the year 2013?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Friday, March 07, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3383/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(2)

- (a) Will he state the number of natural wild elephant conservation centres expected to be established in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House with respect to each of the aforesaid centre—
 - (i) the name, location, extent and the estimated cost of construction separately;
 - (ii) the desired objective;
 - (iii) the length of the electric fences constructed and the amount expected to be allocated for their construction separately;
 - (iv) the number of officers expected to be deployed for maintenance of the electric fences and the cost in that respect; and
 - (v) the total number of officers to be employed at each centre?
- (c) Will he also state with respect to the wild elephant conservation centre of Horowpathana—
 - (i) the number of tanks expected to be built and the estimated amount for them;
 - (ii) the number of pastures to be constructed and the amount allocated in that respect;
 - (iii) the period for which elephants are expected to be rehabilitated;
 - (iv) the areas to which those rehabilitated elephants will be released; and
 - (v) if a follow up of the elephants released after rehabilitation is to be done, the manner in which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

3588/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the people who are residing in areas by river Nilwala in the Matara, Akuressa, and Kamburupitiya electorates of the Matara District are faced with a grave threat to their lives caused by the crocodiles in the river?

(9)

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of people in the aforesaid areas that were killed by the crocodiles from the year 2010 to date;
- (ii) separately, of the names and addresses of the people who were killed and the amount of the compensation paid on behalf of them;
- (iii) of the measures that have been taken to curb the crocodile menace prevailing in the areas by the river Nilawala; and
- (iv) of the amount of the provisions that have been allocated for the aforesaid purpose?

(c) If not, why?

3700/’13

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, of the market share percentage acquired by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation in the Sri Lankan fuel market with relevance to each of the fuel types Petrol, Diesel and Super Diesel; and
- (ii) separately, of the amount of fuel in litres corresponding to each of the aforesaid percentages?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether there is any other company engaged in selling fuel other than the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) if so, separately of the market share percentage acquired by that company in the fuel market in selling Petrol, Diesel and Super Diesel;
- (iii) separately, of the amount of fuel in litres corresponding to each of the aforesaid percentages;
- (iv) whether any special tax concessions which are not enjoyed by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation has been granted to that company;
- (v) if so, of the period for which those concessions have been given; and
- (vi) of the reasons for giving such special privileges to that company?

(c) If not, why?

4219/'13

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the steps taken by the Ministry of Justice in the years 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 to reduce the backlog of the civil courts of first instance; and
 - (ii) whether Judicial activities in the civil courts of first instance are carried out in a considerable speed?
- (b) If not, why?

4278/'13

Hon. Dunes Gankanda,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of university students who have become entitled to bursary in the year 2013; and
 - (ii) whether he admits that the bursary has not been increased within a period of nearly eight years and that the said monthly allowance is not sufficient at all for a university student when compared with the current prices of goods and services?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether attention will be paid to increase the bursary to a minimum of five thousand rupees (Rs.5000/=) in the light of the current prices of goods and services and nearly eight year period within which it was not increased; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which such increase will be effected?
- (c) If not, why?

4096/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the total amount of debt that should be collected by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from the year 2012 to May 01st 2013;
 - (ii) the names of such personal debtors or corporate debtors;
 - (iii) the amount of money that should be collected from each of those persons or institutions separately; and
 - (iv) the course of action that has been made to recover that debt?
 - (b) If not, why?
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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.

P.197/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Putting in place a formal mechanism to produce saline in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that with the intervention of the government, a formal mechanism be put in place to produce saline in Sri Lanka in collaboration with the Government, private and co-operative sectors and by utilizing the local technology with a view to saving the foreign exchange that flows out of the country every year to import saline which is used in massive quantities in Sri Lanka annually.

P.198/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Introducing new products made using coconut water,— That this Parliament resolves that a process be implemented to introduce new products made using coconut water with the help of new technology, targeting the local and international markets under a proper methodology, as a huge amount of coconut water is wasted within Sri Lanka annually.

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3198/'12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the fish canning factories in Sri Lanka have fully integrated manufacturing plants;
- (ii) the amount of fish that was caught by these factories;
- (iii) the number of cans of fish that have been manufactured in Sri Lanka since the inception of fish canning factories to date;
- (iv) the label or the brand name under which locally produced canned fish are sold in Sri Lanka since the inception of fish canning factories to date; and
- (v) the amount paid as local taxes by the aforesaid canneries from their inception?

(b) If not, why?

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the whole Sangha community has been disgraced due to the anti-disciplinary acts of some of those who are in Buddhist robes;
- (ii) continuing of those who are engaged in anti-disciplinary acts and those have been offenders under civil / criminal law as monks in the Buddhist order has caused the deterioration of the Buddhist dispensation; and
- (iii) the Sangha Sabha or the Maha Nayaka Theros of the relevant chapters do not have the powers to expel those who are in Buddhist robes and commit anti-disciplinary acts?

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) although a Bill was drafted in the year 2004 in order to register an congregation with a view to promote Buddhist dispensation and to take action against those who commit anti-disciplinary acts being in Buddhist robe, that Bill has not been presented in parliament;
- (ii) although an amended Bill was drafted in the year 2012 by the Ministry of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs for registering a congregation, it has not yet been presented in Parliament; and
- (iii) promotion of Buddhist dispensation and controlling of anti-disciplinary acts committed by those who are in Buddhist robes can be ensured through the registration of the aforesaid congregation?

(c) If so, will he inform this House whether action will be taken to give legal effect to the aforesaid congregation?

(d) If not, why?

3268/'12

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

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

3366/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Education Services,—(2)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of schools located in the North Central Province; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of school students who receive education in the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the midday meal is provided to the schools in the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts by the government;
 - (ii) if so, separately, of the number of students and the schools for which the midday meal is provided in each district; and
 - (iii) of the amount of money, spent in the year 2012, to provide midday meal for the schools of those two districts?
- (c) If not, why?

3444/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the primary section of G/Batemulla National School has been separated from that school and converted into a separate school ;
 - (ii) if so, the basis and the date on which it was done;
 - (iii) the name of the aforesaid new school;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that one of its buildings has been destroyed due to landslides;
 - (v) whether a new building will be constructed in place of that building which was affected by the landslides; and
 - (vi) if so, what that date is?

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(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the school category to which the G/Batemulla school belongs if it is no further a National School;
- (ii) of its development targets under the aforesaid school category;
- (iii) whether teachers are available corresponding to all the advanced level streams in the G/Batemulla school; and
- (iv) if not, of the date on which the aforesaid teacher vacancies will be filled?

(c) If not, why ?

3733/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the employment agency named “Omar Travels” the registration of which was revoked for the offence of sending abroad the under aged school girl named Rizana Nafik in Muttur, who was executed by beheading in Saudi Arabia, through forged documents prepared by deceiving her, has been registered again under the name “Omalka Travels”;
- (ii) the reasons for granting authority to register the agency named “Omar Travels”, which has been blacklisted, under another name with the same board of directors;
- (iii) whether it is accepted that due to such authorized fraudulent agency holders are compelled to commit more crime and they would not be afraid of making forged documents; and
- (iv) if so, whether steps will be taken to rectify that situation?

(b) If not, why?

3942/'13

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of loans obtained by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from June 2011 to 31st December 2012;
- (ii) separately, the names of the institutes from which the CPC had obtained loans annually within last five years;
- (iii) the total amount of borrowings of the CPC to date;
- (iv) the names of those creditors?

- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the interest paid annually for the loans obtained within last five years separately;
 - (ii) the total interest paid for those loans?
- (c) If not, why?

4160/'13

Hon. Dunes Gankanda,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of National Colleges of Education maintained by now;
 - (ii) of the approximate number of teacher trainees enrolled to those Colleges of Education per year;
 - (iii) of the monthly allowance paid to a male teacher trainee or a female teacher trainee with respect to the year 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 separately;
 - (iv) whether he admits that a public statement has been made by the incumbent President who visited Ruwanpura College of Education of Kahawatta during the Presidential election in 2010, to the effect that measures would be taken to increase the monthly allowance of teacher trainees to five thousand rupees?
- (b) Will he state whether necessary steps will be taken in line with the said statement to increase the said allowance up to five thousand rupees at least from next year?
- (c) If not, why?

4216/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a decision was made to hold a land kachcheri for the employees of the Mahaweli Authority who have completed a service period of 15 years and distribute land;
 - (ii) if applications were called for such a land kachcheri, of the date on which applications were called;
 - (iii) of the number of applicants; and
 - (iv) if recipients of lands have been selected, of the names of those recipients?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) of the location of the land that will be given to the employees of the Mahaweli Authority out of the lands belonging to the Authority;
- (ii) whether any money has been charged from the employees of the Authority to grant them land;
- (iii) if so, of the fee that was charged;
- (iv) of the names of those who have paid the aforesaid fee; and
- (v) of the date on which land will be given to the employees who have already paid installments of the fee?

(c) If not, why?

4217/'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 whether he accepts that—

- (i) liquor consumption is not approved of by the Buddhism; and
- (ii) steps should be taken to stop liquor consumption in Sri Lanka?

(b) Will he state the steps that have been taken so far to stop liquor consumption in Sri Lanka?

(c) If not, why?

4284/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of foreign tourists who arrived in Sri Lanka in the Year 2012 and 2013 as per the countries from which they came, separately;
- (ii) the number of hotel rooms expected to be increased by the construction of the proposed luxurious tourist hotels;
- (iii) whether attention has been paid to the effects made to the tourism industry by the increase of hotel charges in Sri Lanka; and
- (iv) the steps taken to avoid the aforesaid situation?

(b) If not, why?

4309/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the land known as Balackstone estate or Barber estate located in the Paldeniya Grama Niladhari Division in the Pallepola Divisional Secretary's Division in the Matale District has been taken over by the Land Reforms Commission;
 - (ii) if so, the year it was taken over and the law under which it was done;
 - (iii) the total extent of the land;
 - (iv) the original owner of that land;
 - (v) the agricultural crops that are found on it at present; and
 - (vi) the annual income it generates?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) this land is being illegally used by an institution that pretends to be a charity;
 - (ii) this institution has lands all over the country; and
 - (iii) the inquiry conducted by the Land Reforms Commission concluded that it was not a charity but an institution with commercial interests?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether arrangements will be made to take over the Balackstone estate by the Government after a formal investigation conducted according to the existing laws?
- (d) If not, why?

4311/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the border of the proposed sacred area as outlined in the amended plan bearing number Q/P/08/93 dated 07.07.1993 of the Dambulla Sacred City Development Project;
 - (ii) of the number of families that lose lands, houses and places of business owing to the said project;
 - (iii) of the names and addresses of those families;
 - (iv) whether lands and compensation will be given to the families that lose lands and houses; and
 - (v) if so, the minimum and maximum levels of such compensation?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware that residents of the area are severely displeased about the methodology adopted to pay compensation to the families mentioned in (a) (ii) above; and
- (ii) if so, the action to be taken in that regard?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether mosque and a kovil will be removed under the above project;
- (ii) if so, their names;
- (iii) whether he admits the fact that the removal of the places of religions worship will threaten the unity that prevail among the Sinhalese, Muslims and Tamils in the area; and
- (iv) if so, the steps that will be taken in that regard?

(d) If not, why?

3225/'12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of air lines operated to Sri Lanka, besides Sri Lankan Airlines;
- (ii) the grouping of flights and the uptake of passengers per week; and
- (iii) the number of occasions that Sri Lankan Airlines fly out of Colombo to various destinations per week?

(b) If not, why ?

3587/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that two institutions called Rukmani Devi Memorial Museum and Rukmani Devi Performing Arts Centre are maintained in Negombo;
- (ii) of the institution responsible for the administration of the said two institutions;
- (iii) the annual income received by the said two institutions in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012, separately; and
- (iv) the total annual expenditure on salaries and other expenses of those institutions separately, with relevance to the years mentioned in (iii) above?

- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the rare items and photographs kept at Rukmani Devi Performing Arts Centre and the Museum are decaying due to lack of proper maintenance; and
 - (ii) the roof and gutters of the Performing Arts Centre are rotting?
 - (c) Will he also inform this House whether action will be taken to restore the building where the said Museum and the Performing Arts Centre are maintained?
 - (d) If not, why?
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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3152/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total construction cost of the Oluvil Port; and
 - (ii) whether Sri Lanka Ports Authority can be competitive while sustaining the continuous loss of money?
- (b) Will he also state the capital and general reserve movements of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority from the year 2007 to date on per year basis?
- (c) If not, why ?

3211/'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 Sangha Sabha of Rangiri Dambula Rajamaha Viharaya is a Sangha Sabha recognized by the government ;
 - (ii) both Bhikkus and Bhikkunis hold membership of the aforesaid Sangha Sabha; and
 - (iii) there are 800 Bhikkus of higher ordination (upasampada) and 2200 novice Bhikkunis (samanera) belonging to the aforesaid Sangha Sabha?

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(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether action will be taken to register the temples of the Bhikkunis who hold the membership of the Rangiri Dambulla Rajamaha Vihara Sangha Sabha; and

(ii) if so, the date on which the registration will be done?

(c) If, not why?

3377/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

(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 inform this House—

(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 ?

3615/'13

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

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

4095/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Technology and Research,—(2)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether the milk powder imports to Sri Lanka contains substances that are harmful to the human body;
 - (ii) if so, what those substances are; and
 - (iii) the types of milk powder that contain such substances?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the name of the institution that carried out tests with regard to the harmful substances contains in milk powder;
- (ii) whether the research activities with regard to the above issue has been referred to foreign research institutes;
- (iii) if so, the contents of the research reports issued by those foreign institutes; and
- (iv) of the courses of action that will be taken with regard to the contaminated milk powder and the importers of such milk powder?

(c) If not, why?

4155/'13

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) when a person who had not been registered with the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau came to Bandaranayake International Airport, Katunayake, on 15 June 2013 to fly to Doha Qatar was held by the officers of the Bureau, Sri Lanka's Ambassador to Doha Qatar, who arrived at that place on that occasion, got that person released from those officers and took him into the airport by force; and
- (ii) the aforesaid ambassador abused and threatened the officers of Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau on that occasion?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether a complaint regarding that incident had been made to the Minister and the authorities of the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau at Katunayake airport;
- (ii) whether the relevant ambassador has the authority to send abroad the aforesaid person who had not been registered with the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau and whose employer had been named as a national of Qatar; and
- (iii) the measures that will be taken to prevent the occurrence of incidents of this nature in future?

(c) If not, why?

4218/'13

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Good Governance and Infrastructure,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the steps that have been taken to ensure good governance in the public sector in Sri Lanka from the day he assumed duties of the aforesaid Ministerial portfolio; and
- (ii) the steps that is expected to be taken in due course to ensure good governance in the Public Sector?

(b) If not, why?

4277/'13

Hon. Dunes Gankanda,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a Director General of Janasabha has been appointed by the Ministry of Economic Development;
- (ii) if so, of his name and educational qualifications; and
- (iii) of the date on which that appointment was granted and the monthly salary, allowances and other privileges entitled to that post?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Janasabhas currently operative in the country;
- (ii) the composition of a Janasabha; and
- (iii) the Grama Niladhari Divisions in which those Janasabhas operate?

(c) If not, why?

4310/'13

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the laws under which public lands and properties are acquired for the development of sacred places; and
- (ii) the reliefs granted to the people who lose lands which are acquired under the above laws?

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(b) Is he aware that—

- (i) alternative lands have not been given to the land owners whose lands were acquired for the development of the Dambulla sacred city since 1982; and
- (ii) even the recommendation made by His Excellency the President to give lands to 17 original settlers who were evicted from that sacred city has not yet been implemented?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the extent of lands scheduled to be acquired for the development of the Dambulla sacred city;
- (ii) the details of the alternative lands given to People who lose their lands owing to the development of the aforesaid sacred area; and
- (iii) if arrangements are made to give alternative lands or reasonable compensation to those who lose their lands owing to the development of the Dambulla sacred city, the time it will take?

(d) If not, why?

4312/'13

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the year in which the State Distilleries Corporation was privatized;
- (ii) of the number of employees that served in the State Distilleries Corporation at the time of Privatization;
- (iii) of the amount of money deposited in the treasury by Dr. N.M. Perera who was the Minister of Finance at the time of the commencement of the State Distilleries Corporation, for the employees of the state Distilleries Corporation;
- (iv) whether arrangements were made to pay compensation out of the money deposited in the treasury, to the employees of the State Distilleries Corporation who resigned, were dismissed and vacated their posts out of those employees who did not like to work in the new company after the State Distilleries Corporation was privatized; and
- (v) if so, the amount of money paid in relation to each employee as compensation?

(b) If not, why?

4328/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the services in which the representation of women is higher in the overall public service of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of women in the public service at present who has obtained university education and higher educational qualifications; and
 - (iii) the number of women in the public service with G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) or lower qualifications?
- (b) Will he state separately, the representation of women in the professions of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service, the Sri Lanka Engineering Service, the Sri Lanka Planning Service and the Sri Lanka Medical Service?
- (c) If not, why?

3153/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) as to why the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) that was leading Sri Lanka to Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the U.S.A. is not being actually pursued;
 - (ii) the number of TIFA meetings held from 1st May 2004 to date;
 - (iii) the items being exported from Sri Lanka to the U.S.A. as of now;
 - (iv) the commodities being imported to Sri Lanka from the U.S.A.; and
 - (v) the balance of trade between Sri Lanka and the U.S.A. for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 separately?
- (b) If not, why ?

3382/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of wild elephant protection electric fences that have been built in Sri Lanka up to now;
 - (ii) the total length of the said electric fences;
 - (iii) the steps taken for the maintenance of those fences; and
 - (iv) the gross expenditure on the construction and maintenance of one kilometer of an electric fence, separately?

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- (b) Will he inform this House with respect to the last five years of the —
 - (i) number of wild elephant protection electric fences constructed;
 - (ii) length of each of those electric fences separately;
 - (iii) number of human lives, wild elephants and the value of property lost in each year due to the elephant-human conflict separately; and
 - (iv) amount of compensation paid by the government for the aforesaid damages?
- (c) Will he admit that—
 - (i) despite the protective measures taken as mentioned above, there has been an increase in the loss of human and elephant lives and damages to property; and
 - (ii) therefore it is desirable to adopt alternative methods different from the said methods?
- (d) If so, will he disclose to this House the alternative method relevant to (c)(ii) above?
- (e) If not, why?

3589/'13

Hon.Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of foreign investments received by Sri Lanka from the year 2011 up to now ;
 - (ii) the total amount of investments separately on those per year basis; and
 - (iii) the industries or services in which these funds have been invested in?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the concessions that have been granted to encourage the foreign investors;
 - (ii) whether lands were provided by the government to them in the years 2010, 2012, and 2013 to establish their industries or work places;
 - (iii) if so, the basis on which those lands were provided; and
 - (iv) the districts in which the lands so provided are located along with the extent of the land, its name and address separately?
- (c) If not, why?

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

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

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

(c) If not, why?
