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No. 11 (2).]

ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 11

OF

PARLIAMENT

Issued on Friday, May 09, 2014

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 1),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 23 of 2012 and specified in the Order No. 23 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 23 of 2012

Order No. 23 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.23 of 2012, I, Sarath Amunugama, Minister of International Monetary Co-operation and Acting Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 01002 “Advancing monies to be used in Bribery detection as Bribes Advance Account – Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

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| (i) Maximum limit of expenditure | From | Rs. | 7,000,000 |
| specified in Column II of the Third | To | Rs. | 12,000,000 |
| Schedule to that Act. | | | |
| (ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified | | | |
| in Column III of the Third | | | Not Revised |
| Schedule to that Act. | | | |
| (iii) Maximum limit of debit balance | From | Rs. | 12,000,000 |
| specified in Column IV of the Third | To | Rs. | 20,000,000 |
| Schedule to that Act. | | | |

(2)

- (iv) Maximum limit of liabilities
specified in Column V of the Third
Schedule to that Act. Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2013 only)

Sgd./(Dr.) SARATH AMUNUGAMA,
Minister of International Monetary
Co-operation and Acting Minister of
Finance and Planning.

29.04.2014
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—
Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 2),— That this Parliament resolves that
the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the
Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act,
No. 23 of 2012 and specified in the Order No. 24 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 23 of 2012

Order No. 24 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.23
of 2012, I, Sarath Amunugama, Minister of International Monetary Co-operation and
Acting Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by
this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 21302 “Printing
Publicity and Sales of Books (public Notification of Publication rights, Acquiring
Translation fees and staff wages inclusive of all allowances) Advance Account –
Department of Education Publications” - of the Third Schedule to that Act.

- (i) Maximum limit of expenditure
specified in Column II of the Third
Schedule to that Act. Not Revised
- (ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified From Rs. 2,500,000,000
in Column III of the Third To Rs. 2,350,000,000
Schedule to that Act.
- (iii) Maximum limit of debit balance
specified in Column IV of the Third
Schedule to that Act. Not Revised

(3)

(iv) Maximum limit of liabilities	From	Rs. 1,000,000,000
specified in Column V of the Third	To	Rs. 1,950,000,000
Schedule to that Act.		

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2013 only)

Sgd./(Dr.) SARATH AMUNUGAMA,
Minister of International Monetary
Co-operation and Acting Minister of
Finance and Planning.

29.04.2014
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—
Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 3),— That this Parliament resolves that
the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the
Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act,
No. 23 of 2012 and specified in the Order No. 25 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 23 of 2012

Order No. 25 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.23
of 2012, I, Sarath Amunugama, Minister of International Monetary Co-operation and
Acting Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by
this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 31003 “Work Done
Advance Account – Government Factory” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

(i) Maximum limit of expenditure	From	Rs. 260,000,000
specified in Column II of the Third	To	Rs. 450,000,000
Schedule to that Act.		
(ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified		
in Column III of the Third		Not Revised
Schedule to that Act.		
(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance		
specified in Column IV of the Third		Not Revised
Schedule to that Act.		

(4)

- (iv) Maximum limit of liabilities
specified in Column V of the Third
Schedule to that Act. Not Revised

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Sgd./(Dr.) SARATH AMUNUGAMA,
Minister of International Monetary
Co-operation and Acting Minister of
Finance and Planning.

29.04.2014
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—
Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 4),— That this Parliament resolves that
the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the
Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act,
No. 23 of 2012 and specified in the Order No. 26 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 23 of 2012

Order No. 26 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.23
of 2012, I, Sarath Amunugama, Minister of International Monetary Co-operation and
Acting Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by
this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 28502 “Maintenance
of Agricultural Farms and Seed Sales Advance Account – Department of Agriculture”
of the Third Schedule to that Act.

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| (i) Maximum limit of expenditure | From | Rs. | 330,000,000 |
| specified in Column II of the Third | To | Rs. | 416,000,000 |
| Schedule to that Act. | | | |
| (ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified | From | Rs. | 330,000,000 |
| in Column III of the Third | To | Rs. | 416,000,000 |
| Schedule to that Act. | | | |
| (iii) Maximum limit of debit balance | | | |
| specified in Column IV of the Third | | | Not Revised |
| Schedule to that Act. | | | |

(5)

- (iv) Maximum limit of liabilities
specified in Column V of the Third
Schedule to that Act. Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2013 only)

Sgd./(Dr.) SARATH AMUNUGAMA,
Minister of International Monetary
Co-operation and Acting Minister of
Finance and Planning.

29.04.2014
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—
Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 5),— That this Parliament resolves that
the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the
Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act,
No. 23 of 2012 and specified in the Order No. 27 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 23 of 2012

Order No. 27 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.23
of 2012, I, Sarath Amunugama, Minister of International Monetary Co-operation and
Acting Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by
this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 30602 “Railway
Stores Advance Account – Department of Sri Lanka Railways” of the Third Schedule
to that Act.

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| (i) Maximum limit of expenditure
specified in Column II of the Third
Schedule to that Act. | From
To | Rs. 1,450,000,000
Rs. 1,700,000,000 |
| (ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified
in Column III of the Third
Schedule to that Act. | | Not Revised |
| (iii) Maximum limit of debit balance
specified in Column IV of the Third
Schedule to that Act. | | Not Revised |

(6)

(iv) Maximum limit of liabilities	From	Rs. 800,000,000
specified in Column V of the Third	To	Rs. 1,000,000,000
Schedule to that Act.		

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2013 only)

Sgd./(Dr.) SARATH AMUNUGAMA,
Minister of International Monetary
Co-operation and Acting Minister of
Finance and Planning.

29.04.2014
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—
Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 6),— That this Parliament resolves that
the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the
Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act,
No. 23 of 2012 and specified in the Order No. 28 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 23 of 2012

Order No. 28 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.23
of 2012, I, Sarath Amunugama, Minister of International Monetary Co-operation and
Acting Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by
this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 31002 “Stores
Advance Account – Government Factory” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

(i) Maximum limit of expenditure	From	Rs. 120,000,000
specified in Column II of the Third	To	Rs. 200,000,000
Schedule to that Act.		

(ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified		
in Column III of the Third		Not Revised
Schedule to that Act.		

(7)

(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance

specified in Column IV of the Third

Not Revised

Schedule to that Act.

(iv) Maximum limit of liabilities

From

Rs. 20,000,000

specified in Column V of the Third

To

Rs. 92,000,000

Schedule to that Act.

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2013 only)

Sgd./ (Dr.) SARATH AMUNUGAMA,

Minister of International Monetary
Co-operation and Acting Minister of
Finance and Planning.

29.04.2014

Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—
Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No.7),— That this Parliament resolves that the
Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the
Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act,
No. 23 of 2012 and specified in the schedule hereto, be approved.

(These Orders are valid only up to 31.12.2013)

SCHEDULE

Appropriation Act No. 23 of 2012 Order under Section 8

Schedule of variation of limits of Advance Accounts pertaining to Advances to public officers authorized by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No. 23 of 2012 in respect of Finance year 2013.

Srl No.	Ministries/Departments	Item No.	II Maximum Limits of Expenditure of Activities of the Government Rs.		III Minimum Limits of Receipts to be Credited to the Accounts of Activities of the Government Rs.		IV Maximum Limits of Debit Balance of Activities of the Government Rs.		Order No.
			From	To	From	To	From	To	
1	Ministry of Public Management Reforms	17301	2,500,000	2,555,000	-	-	-	-	1
2	District Secretariat, Gampaha	25601	-	-	58,000,000	54,000,000	-	-	2
3	District Secretariat, Ampara	27001	-	-	46,000,000	40,000,000	-	-	3
4	District Secretariat, Kurunagala	27201	-	-	75,000,000	69,000,000	-	-	4
5	District Secretariat, Anuradhapura	27401	-	-	42,000,000	39,000,000	-	-	5
6	District Secretariat, Polonnaruwa	27501	-	-	20,000,000	17,000,000	-	-	6
7	District Secretariat, Rathnapura	27801	-	-	37,000,000	32,000,000	-	-	7
8	Department of Police	22501	-	-	1,250,000,000	1,200,000,000	-	-	8
9	Ministry of Productivity Promotion	18101	-	-	-	-	10,000,000	17,500,000	9

10	Department of Survey	28801	-	-	-	100,000,000	97,000,000	-	-	10
11	Department of Registrar General	25401	-	-	-	-	-	22,000,000	200,000,000	11
12	Department of Rubber Development	29301	-	-	-	11,000,000	10,200,000	-	-	12
13	Ministry of Health	11101	-	-	-	900,000,000	662,000,000	-	-	13
14	Ministry of Mass Media and Information	12201	-	-	-	3,700,000	3,300,000	-	-	14
15	Ministry of Wildlife Resources Conservation	17901	-	-	-	4,000,000	2,200,000	-	-	15
16	District Secretariat, Kandy	25801	-	-	-	52,000,000	49,000,000	-	-	16
17	Ministry of Defence and Urban Development	10301	285,000,000	200,000,000	120,000,000	110,000,000	650,000,000	500,000,000	17	
18	Sri Lanka Army	22201	-	-	-	1,750,000,000	1,600,000,000	-	-	18
19	Sri Lanka Air Force	22401	-	-	-	415,000,000	370,000,000	-	-	19
20	Department of Civil Security	32001	-	-	-	160,000,000	154,000,000	-	-	20
21	Department of Agrarian Development	28101	-	-	-	140,000,000	139,000,000	-	-	21
22	Department of Up-Country Peasantry Rehabilitation	30501	-	-	-	1,000,000	900,000	-	-	22
Total			287,500,000	202,555,000	5,184,700,000	4,648,600,000	682,000,000	717,500,000		

Sgd./MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA
Minister of Finance and Planning

25.04.2014
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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National Enterprise Development Authority (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Thursday, May 22, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3234/'12

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

- (a) Will he state, pertaining to the Bank of Ceylon—
 - (i) the profit or loss for the year 2012, and to date;
 - (ii) the profit or loss projected for the years 2015-2016;
 - (iii) the capital and reserves as at today;
 - (iv) the number of people working in the institution;
 - (v) whether it is overstaffed or understaffed;
 - (vi) the cost per employee and profit per employee; and
 - (vii) the total of short term debt along with the bank overdrafts, medium and long term debts as at today?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Friday, May 23, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4585/'13

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

- (a) Is he aware that the government proposed a ban on the sale of private lands to foreigners and /or foreign companies in the 2013 budget and the same was reiterated by the budget proposal for the year 2014?
 - (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a Chinese company by the name of Avic International Hotels Lanka Ltd, or a connected party, has purchased a block of land over 200 perches bordering Galle Road from Shaw Wallace and Hedges or an entity connected to the same;
 - (ii) whether the same company has also either purchased or taken on long lease approximately 50 perches of land in close proximity to the above land from the Urban Development Authority; and
 - (iii) whether the taxes, stamp duties or any other levy were paid by the Avic International Hotels Lanka Ltd, or connected party, to the Government of Sri Lanka?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Tuesday, June 03, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2559/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the total amount of money spent on education from the year 2005 to 2010 as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Product of the respective year;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid percentages of the Gross Domestic Product which were allocated for the education sector have been sufficient for the development of that sector; and
 - (iii) whether he admits the fact that more funds exceeding the current allocations should be allocated for the development of education sector, considering the prevailing situation of that sector?
- (b) If not, why?

4586/'13

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

- (a) Will she state—
 - (i) whether the Criminal Investigation Department has initiated an investigation on a recent importation of coal to be used at the Norochcholai power plant;
 - (ii) the quantity of coal connected to the aforesaid importation; and
 - (iii) as to why an investigation as of above was initiated?
 - (b) Will she also state—
 - (i) the name of the importer of the aforesaid consignment of coal;
 - (ii) as to how the said importer was selected?
 - (iii) the action that has been taken to recover the loss from the importer; and
 - (iv) the action that will be taken to avoid such an occurrence pertaining to the importation of coal in the future?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, June 04, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3708/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Coordinating Secretaries approved for the President of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of Coordinating Secretaries appointed under the present President;
 - (iii) of the sectors for which the aforesaid Coordinating Secretaries have been appointed;
 - (iv) separately, of the name, educational qualifications and other qualifications of each of those secretaries;
 - (v) of the salary, other allowances and the facilities granted for a Coordinating Secretary;
 - (vi) accordingly, of the total cost borne on behalf of the Coordinating Secretaries during the past three years; and
 - (vii) whether a satisfactory service has been rendered by the these secretaries in comparison with that cost?
- (b) If not, why?

4263/'13

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a part of the building known as "Sirilak Trade Centre" situated along the Ehaliyagoda-Dehiowita Road (Panawala Road) belonging to Provincial Councilor Siripala Kiriella has been dismantled on 17.06.2013 purportedly citing the need for expanding the road;
 - (ii) if so, those who carried out the dismantling of the said building; and
 - (iii) the powers upon which the said building was dismantled ?
 - (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the measures taken consequent to the complaint lodged at the Ehaliyagoda Police Station on 17.06.2013 by Mr. Siripala Kiriella on the dismantling of the above building; and
 - (ii) the reason for delay in taking legal action against the suspects of the above incident?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, June 05, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2581/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will she state separately on district basis—
 - (i) the number of villages without electricity in the Northern Province; and
 - (ii) the names of those villages ?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the period of time within which action will be taken to provide electricity to the aforesaid villages ; and
 - (ii) whether there was a possibility to provide electricity to all the said villages in the Northern Province within the year 2012 ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3113/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(2)

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

3369/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the government has planned, to provide a fresh glass of milk to the children of 2 to 5 years of age;
- (ii) the number of children, eligible to obtain a fresh glass of milk by now, accordingly;
- (iii) the amount of money that had been allocated in the budget 2013, in that regard; and
- (iv) the amount of money spent for the provision of fresh milk for each child?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of registered pre-schools in Sri Lanka by now;
- (ii) the number of children who studied in pre-schools during the year 2013; and
- (iii) the date when a national policy on pre-schools which is a current requirement of Sri Lanka will be implemented after formulating it?

(c) If not, why?

3418/'13

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

(a) Will he admit that —

- (i) the majority of the people in the middle and the lower middle classes use three-wheelers and motorcycles for their transportation needs;
- (ii) a large number of direct and indirect employment opportunities have been created in relation to the aforesaid vehicles;
- (iii) the aforesaid field of employment can be crippled due to the high price of three-wheelers and motorcycles and their spare parts; and
- (iv) the high rates of taxes that have currently been imposed on three-wheelers and motorcycles have resulted in a price increase of those vehicles?

(15)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he states separately, on per year basis for the period from the year 2005 to date the percentage of the amounts of taxes and other charges levied in Sri Lanka after three-wheelers and motorcycles have been imported into the country; and
- (ii) whether action will be taken to give tax concessions for three-wheelers and motorcycles?

(c) If not why?

3711/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the name and address of the Chairman of the Peoples' Bank who held the post in March 2013;
- (ii) whether he has held any other posts in the Public Sector in addition to the aforesaid post;
- (iii) if so, what that post is;
- (iv) separately, the salary and the other allowances received for each of those posts;
- (v) his educational and other qualifications; and
- (vi) educational qualifications, other qualifications and experience possessed by him related to the banking field?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that a fulltime chairman is required for the Peoples' Bank where a large number of peoples' deposits are maintained; and
- (ii) if so, of the reasons for appointing a person who is engaged in a large number of duties for the aforesaid post?

(c) If not, why?

4288/'13

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

- (a) Is he aware that the COPE report 2012 has pointed out that the People's Bank is confronted with a severe financial crisis at the moment and the major contributory cause is the default of the loan with a value of Rs. 406.3 million which has been granted to 50 businessmen by the bank?

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(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) a register of the defaulters of the above loans;
- (ii) the loan amount provided to each of the persons and the interest to be recovered; and
- (iii) the amount of loans obtained from the People's Bank by the government in addition to the above loan?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether he admits that the People's Bank is confronted with a financial crisis as a result of the default of loans mentioned above; and
- (ii) if so, the steps taken to recover these loans?

(d) If not, why?

4307/'13

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

(a) Will he state on per year basis, the number of dengue cases,—

- (i) reported in Sri Lanka since 2012 to-date; and
- (ii) resulting in deaths reported from 2011 to-date?

(b) Will he also state the number of —

- (i) dengue breeding grounds detected; and
- (ii) schools, universities and state institutions that have been identified as containing dengue breeding grounds separately;

on per year basis from January 2009 to-date?

(c) Will he inform this House from January 2010 to-date on per year basis—

- (i) the three districts in Sri Lanka, from which the highest number of dengue cases were reported; and
- (ii) the number of breeding grounds detected in each of these three districts?

(d) Will he further state—

- (i) the committees that have been appointed by the Ministry of Health to address the dengue epidemic in the country, from 2009 to date;
- (ii) the dates of appointment of each of those committees; and
- (iii) the mandate of each of those committees?

(e) If not, why?

4326/'13

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of disciplinary inquiries conducted against the Principal of Sri Medhankara Maha Vidyalaya, Horana, by October 2013;
 - (ii) the matters related to those disciplinary inquiries; and
 - (iii) the reasons for the delay in conducting disciplinary inquiries against the said Principal and taking action in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

4338'/13

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that the National Savings Bank (NSB) borrowed approximately USD 750 million from the international commercial market in or around September or October 2013 by issuing a debenture (Bond)?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the terms and conditions of the said Bond, along with the annual rate of interest and the tenor of the Bond; and
 - (ii) whether there are options on the aforesaid terms and conditions?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the purpose of raising the said funds by the NSB via the said Bond;
 - (ii) the person who is liable for the foreign currency risk of the said Bond; and
 - (iii) if the aforesaid action is a joint between NSB and any other party, the nature of the relationship?
- (d) Will he also state the Managers (or intermediaries between the NSB and final investors) to the issue of the said bonds and fees paid to them, separately?
- (e) If not, why?

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the promotions that should be given backdated for the relevant grades of the Librarians who are serving under interim provisions according to the Government Librarians' and Service Minute and the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1620/22 dated 24.09.2009 have not yet been given properly;
- (ii) number of vacancies prevail in the grade of recruitment i.e., the Grade III of the Government Librarians' Service;
- (iii) more that 70% of the cadre that have been identified in the aforesaid Service Minute are still vacant?

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) the salary scale of the Supra/Special Grade of the aforesaid Librarians' Service was above the salary scale of the Grade II/II of the island wide services from the year 1981;
- (ii) the Public Administration Circular No. 06/2006 has placed the Special Grade of the Librarians' Service in the salary scale MN-07 which is very much below the salary scale of the aforesaid island wide service; and
- (iii) severe injustice has been caused by this to the Special Grade of the Librarians?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the steps that will be taken to solve the aforesaid problems; and
- (ii) the date on which those steps will be implemented?

(d) If not, why?

4442/'13

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the facilities provided to the Technical College at Kulliyapitiya under Deyata Kirula Development Programme for 2014;
 - (ii) of the value of the provisions made for providing those facilities; and
 - (iii) whether modernization and provision of facilities under the said provisions were completed prior to the commencement of Deyata Kirula exhibition of 2014?
- (b) If not, why?

4561/'13

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

- (a) Is he aware of the answer given with relevance to part (a) of question number 3194/12 which was raised on 26.07.2013 as a question not for oral answers?
- (b) Will he state the steps that have been taken with relevance to the removal of the unauthorized occupant of the official quarters belonging to the Colombo Urban Council as per the aforesaid answer?
- (c) If not, why?

4567/'13

Hon. Dunes Gankanda,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has taken action to allocate funds up to Rs. 200,000/- for all between 18 to 22 years of age in order to enable them to obtain tertiary education or training as mentioned in the Mahinda Chinthana - Vision for the Future;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of youth who have obtained the aforesaid facility by now;
 - (iii) of the procedure to be adopted in order to obtain the aforesaid financial facility;
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid funds provided will be recovered; and
 - (v) if the aforesaid money is to be recovered, of the period of time after which the aforesaid funds will be recovered once the study or the training for which the said money was used has been concluded?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to made the pledge given to the youth by the Mahinda Chinthana Vision for the Future a reality, if a programme to provide the aforesaid facility has not been formulated up to now; and
 - (ii) if so, what that date is?
- (c) If not, why?

4666/'13

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether there is a procedure for selecting drugs when pharmaceuticals are imported to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, what the aforesaid procedure is;
 - (iii) the number of companies that have been registered under the Ministry of Health at present for importing pharmaceuticals;
 - (iv) whether the pharmaceuticals imported by the aforesaid companies are subjected to a quality check in Sri Lanka; and
 - (v) if so, as to how the aforesaid checking is conducted?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the method adopted to determine the date of expiration in pharmaceuticals that are imported to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the period of time within which pharmaceuticals should be imported to Sri Lanka from the date of manufacture;
 - (iii) the reasons for the reports that were made on discovering expired drugs in government hospitals through out the recent past;
 - (iv) the quantity and the value of drugs that had to be removed from government hospitals in the past year due to expiration?
- (c) If not, why?

4746/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for the continuous losses incurred by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (ii) of the date on which the Sapugaskanda oil refinery was established;
 - (iii) of the measures taken to increase the efficiency of that oil refinery;
 - (iv) of the amount of crude oil imported annually to this country within the period from 2011 to 2013; and
 - (v) whether he admits that a loss is suffered by the government as a result of importing refined oil due to the decline in the importation of crude oil?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Friday, June 06, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2585/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money required by one Sri Lankan family per month for its subsistence, as per the government statistics;
 - (ii) separately, of the expenditure on food and expenditure on needs other than food for a family per month; and
 - (iii) separately, of the amount of money required by a family per month for its subsistence in each district ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether that an amount of Rs. 7500.00 is sufficient for a three member family for its subsistence for a month ?
- (c) If not, why?

3134/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(3)

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

3429/'13

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

- (a) Is he aware that the movement of heavy vehicles including containers within the city was subjected to various restrictions during 2007-2009 as a means to contain traffic congestion in the city of Colombo?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the institutions that were instrumental in implementing the above measure of restricting the time of the movement of heavy vehicles including containers;
 - (ii) the times of restriction of the movement of heavy vehicles in the city during the above period;
 - (iii) if that measure has been done away with at present, the reasons for doing so?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether arrangements will be made to re-implement the restrictions of time of the movement of heavy vehicles including containers which lead to the increase in the traffic congestion in the city of Colombo?
- (d) If not, why?

3594/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that people level accusations to the effect that the paddy lands in the Devinuwara Divisional Secretariat Division are being filled;
 - (ii) of the extent of paddy lands in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division, that has been filled without permission from the year 2005 up to now ;
 - (iii) whether complaints have been received against the aforesaid unauthorized fillings ;
 - (iv) if so , the number of complaints received;
 - (v) whether action has been taken according to the law after conducting investigations into the aforesaid complaints; and
 - (vi) the courses of action taken accordingly?

(23)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether legal permission has been obtained to reclaim paddy lands in the Devinuwara Divisional Secretariat Division from the year 2005 up to now ;
- (ii) if so, the extent of paddy lands for which permission has been granted to be filled; and
- (iii) the reasons for granting permission to reclaim the aforesaid paddy Lands ?

(c) If not, why?

3712/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of officers belonging to the staff grade in the Ministry of Finance and Planning;
- (ii) the position and the duties of each of these officers;
- (iii) the salary, allowances and other facilities granted monthly to each of them; and
- (iv) the average value of that salaries and allowances?

(b) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the number of officers who are serving on service extensions out of the officers belonging to the staff grade;
- (ii) the names and positions of such officers; and
- (iii) the objectives behind providing them with service extensions?

(c) If not, why?

4289/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a Cabinet decision has been taken on 15th August 2013 to have a public issue of shares of the People's Bank owing to the financial crisis confronted with by this major state bank in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) whether the People's Bank Act will be amended due to the fact that as per the Peoples Bank Act number 29 of 1961 a public issue of shares of the bank in the share market is not possible; and
- (iii) whether he admits that the government loses the ownership of the bank by allowing the private sector to purchase the shares issued by the People's Bank in the share market?

(b) If not, why?

4333/'13

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

- (a) Will he state the authority who decides the charges levied by the companies that conduct vehicle emission testing for conducting such emission tests?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether vehicles used by the public institutions are tested for emission;
 - (ii) whether the buses owned by the Sri Lanka Transport Board are subjected to that test; and
 - (iii) if so, the amount paid by the SLTB annually to the relevant institutions for getting its buses tested for vehicle emission?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an assurance can be given that vehicle emission testing is done in a satisfactory manner, by observing the emissions of vehicles that run on the roads at present; and
 - (ii) if so, the factors on which such assurance will be based?
- (d) If not, why?

4443/'13

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of homeless families identified within the Kurunegala District for the construction of new houses for them under 2014 Deyata Kirula Development Programme;
 - (ii) the provisions expected to be made by the government for the construction of houses for those families; and
 - (iii) whether construction of houses with the said provisions were completed and the said houses were commissioned to public prior to the commencement of Deyata Kirula exhibition of 2014?
- (b) If not, why?

4562/'13

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a group of chief occupants belonging to low income earning families residing in the Sennel Gramam II area of Samanthurai Divisional Secretariat Division of the Ampara District have applied to obtain new water connections to their homes in the year 2011; and
 - (ii) their homes have not yet been provided with new water connections owing to the problems related to water capacity and pressure of the aforesaid area?

- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken to provide the aforesaid applicants with the water connection expeditiously by increasing the water capacity and pressure of the aforesaid area?

- (c) If not, why?

4569/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—

- (i) the criteria on which the classification of the schools which are known as isolated schools was based;
- (ii) separately the number of isolated schools available at present and the number of students studying in them;
- (iii) separately, the number of students of the aforesaid schools who received each of the facilities of additional set of uniform materials given mid year, free pair of shoes, a meal consisting of grains, eggs and milk as proposed in the budget proposal 2013; and
- (iv) the funds spent by the government for that purpose annually?

- (b) If not, why?

4747/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of Ethanol imported legally to this country from the year 2010 up to now;
- (ii) of the number of licences provided for the importation of Ethanol; and
- (iii) whether those licences have to be extended annually?

- (b) If not, why?

2619/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the unemployment rate prevailing in each Divisional Secretariat Division in the Trincomalee District, separately;
- (ii) the solutions that will be given to this unemployment problem ;
- (iii) the targets that are expected to be achieved through these solutions ; and
- (iv) the timeframe for achieving these targets?

- (b) If not, why?

3146/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(4)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the amounts of aid, concessionary loans and grants received by Sri Lanka from India since 1st January 2010 to date on yearly basis separately;
- (ii) the all inclusive highest and lowest interest cost per year that funds have been given;
- (iii) the pay back period of each funding;
- (iv) the amount of money that is expected to be earned from each project for which said funds were utilised; and
- (v) the cash flow statement of each loan for the 5 years from the date on which the loan was given?

(b) If not, why ?

3451/'13

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

(a) Will he state,—

- (i) the year in which the Govisetha lottery was commenced;
- (ii) the income received through it during the period from the year 2005 up to 2012;
- (iii) the activities for which the proceeds was spent;
- (iv) the amount invested in Farmers' Pension Scheme out of the proceeds of that lottery; and
- (v) if the proceeds of the lottery was not credited into the Farmers' Pension Scheme, the reasons for it?

(b) If not, why?

3648/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that people level accusations to the effect that the paddy lands in the Mulatiyana Divisional Secretariat Division are being filled;
- (ii) the extent of paddy lands in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division, that has been filled without permission from the year 2005 up to now;
- (iii) whether complaints have been received against the aforesaid unauthorized fillings;
- (iv) if so, the number of complaints received;

- (v) whether legal action has been taken after conducting investigations into the aforesaid complaints; and
 - (vi) the courses of action taken accordingly?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether legal permission has been obtained to fill the paddy lands in the Mulatiyana Divisional Secretariat Division from the year 2005 up to now;
 - (ii) if so, the extent of paddy lands for which permission has been granted to be filled; and
 - (iii) the reasons for granting permission to fill the aforesaid paddy lands?
- (c) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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.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.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.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.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.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.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.

P.199/'13

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Cultivating Durian for the Export Market,— That this Parliament resolves that steps must be taken to cultivate on a commercial basis, the popular fruit Durian, which is expensive but has a good demand in the export market, so that the country could earn substantial foreign exchange.

P.200/'13

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— A Decade for Tri Lingual Sri Lanka Plan,— That this Parliament resolves that whilst appreciating the Cabinet approval for the ten year plan “A Decade for Tri Lingual Sri Lanka Plan 2012-2021”, that this project be implemented quickly and extensively with the support of the multi lingual, multi ethnic communities in order to make it beneficial to the entire nation with the support of Government and Private Institutions.

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.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.201/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Exploring new resources in the ocean,— That this Parliament resolves that a formal further study on oceanic resources should be conducted with a view to creating a large number of employment opportunities, and to earn wealth, as Sri Lanka is a country with a large marine zone, that has given priority only for the fishing industry and since there is a vast amount of natural resources connected to the ocean.

P.202/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Prevention of Sri Lankan fishing resources being harvested by foreigners,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme be devised and implemented by the Government to prevent foreigners from fishing in the Sri Lankan waters and to prevent foreign vessels from using it as a port for fishing since the fisheries resources within the Sri Lankan marine zone are harvested by foreigners thus causing a severe economic disadvantage to Sri Lankan fishermen.

P.203/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Increasing Jackfruit production and exporting associated products,— That this Parliament resolves that since the country can earn a huge amount of foreign exchange by exporting Jackfruit based products through expansion of the cultivation of Jackfruit, which is a very delectable fruit with medicinal qualities, that can be cultivated without agrochemicals, a systematic programme should be drawn up with the intervention of the government toward this end.

P.204/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Organizing an Annual National Farmers Awards Ceremony,— That this Parliament resolves that a farmers awards ceremony that is implemented through a proper organizational structure be organized annually with the intervention of the Government, so that the farmers who enrich the country are made to feel proud about their vocation as agricultural prosperity is fundamental for the advancement of a country.

P.205/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing LED bulbs to consumers at a concessionary price,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic program should be formulated to provide LED bulbs to consumers at a concessionary price and on an instalment based payment system with the intervention of the Electricity Board so that a large amount of electricity could be saved and an extra income could also be earned by the Electricity Board by making LED bulbs popular among people as qualitative LED bulbs which are used to light up houses are expensive.

P.206/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Expansion of small scale Toy Factories,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper procedure be formulated in view of expanding the toy industry in rural areas since it is an industry which can be sustained at a very low cost and as a lot of foreign exchange is drained out towards China and other countries, to purchase toys, owing to the fact that less toys are produced although a large market is available for toys in Sri Lanka.

P.208/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Starting Pharmaceuticals Production Factories in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that as a country with developed human resources the government should intervene and provide facilities to establish pharmaceutical production factories in Sri Lanka to produce essential pharmaceuticals within the country since the production of pharmaceuticals in Sri Lanka is at a minimum level at present and a large amount of foreign exchange is spent annually to import pharmaceuticals.

P.209/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Including the subject of psychology in the school curriculum,— That this parliament resolves that a subject named “Psychology and Meditation”, a methodically planned combination of Buddhist psychology and Western psychology be introduced to the school curriculum to be taught from Grade six in order to mould the student community into a group who can take intelligent decisions with healthy minds.

P.210/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing support centers for pensioners,— That this parliament resolves that the government should take measures to build pensioners support centers throughout the country for the pensioners so that they can obtain welfare services like counseling, medical facilities and daycare facilities, which are required by the elderly, under the same roof, and to provide them the opportunity to earn some extra income to ease their lives by directing them to engage in some economic activity through such centers.

P.211/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Introducing a new lottery with a view to strengthening the economy of the pensioners,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take measures to introduce a new lottery to the market in order to generate funds required to remove the salary anomalies of the pensions paid to the retired public servants and for their welfare activities.

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2620/'12

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

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

3148/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(4)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the net amounts of loans in the years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013; and
 - (ii) the quantum of increase in reserves in the aforesaid years as per the claim made by the government that the net reserves have been increasing dramatically?

- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the amount of long term debts included in the reserves to date; and
 - (ii) the amount of reserves as a ratio to imports for the last three years on per year basis ?
- (c) Will he admit that the situation in reserves is not positive as it claimed to be?
- (d) If not, why ?

3452/'13

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

- (a) Will he state,—
 - (i) the number of farmers who have obtained cultivation loans out of the farmers in the North Central Province, experienced a crop loss in the year 2012;
 - (ii) the banks and the other institutions from which these farmers obtained cultivation loans;
 - (iii) the amount that was written off out of the interest of those cultivation loans; and
 - (iv) the interest which was written off by each bank or institution, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

3649/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that people level accusations to the effect that the paddy lands in the Pasgoda Divisional Secretariat Division are being filled;
 - (ii) the extent of paddy lands in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division, that has been filled without permission from the year 2005 up to now;
 - (iii) whether complaints have been received against the aforesaid unauthorized fillings;
 - (iv) if so, the number of complaints received;
 - (v) whether legal action has been taken after conducting investigations into the aforesaid complaints; and
 - (vi) the courses of action taken accordingly?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether legal permission has been obtained to fill the paddy lands in the Pasgoda Divisional Secretariat Division from the year 2005 up to now;
- (ii) if so, the extent of paddy lands for which permission has been granted to be filled; and
- (iii) the reasons for granting permission to fill the aforesaid paddy lands?

(c) If not, why?

3717/'13

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately the money spent by the Sri Lanka Insurance, Bank of Ceylon, Peoples' Bank, State Mortgage and Investment Bank and National Savings Bank on news paper, radio, television and web site advertisements in each year during the past 03 years;
- (ii) the media establishments to which advertisements have been submitted by the aforesaid institutions; and
- (iii) separately, the value of advertisements submitted to each of those needing establishments to each by the above institutions in each year during the past 03 years?

(b) If not, why?

4334/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there are vacancies for Principals at national schools at present;
- (ii) if so, the names of the schools where those vacancies exist;
- (iii) whether applications were called for recently for filling those vacancies;
- (iv) if so, the date on which it was done; and
- (v) of the number of Principals selected after calling for applications?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the educational qualifications required to hold the post of Principal of a national school; and
- (ii) whether the Principals serving in national schools at present have met those qualifications?

(c) If not, why?

4444/'13

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the number of employees recruited for employment in Ceylon Electricity Board on contract basis or on casual basis during the last seven years;
 - (ii) the number of employees who have served more than five years out of such employees;
 - (iii) whether payments are made to those employees strictly as per labour regulations;
 - (iv) if so, the date on which initiative was made to act in that manner;
 - (v) the number of employees recruited for permanent service in Ceylon Electricity Board out of the employees mentioned in (i) above; and
 - (vi) the procedure followed in making the aforesaid recruitment?
- (b) If not, why?

4486/'13

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the estuary in Chilaw is naturally filled every year and the fisher folk in the area are severely inconvenienced due to that reason; and
 - (ii) a number of deaths and damages to boats have occurred by now due to the accidents caused when launching boats, by reason of the filling of the estuary?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any course of action has been taken by now to develop the Chilaw estuary;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to carry out a suitable investigation in regard to the filling of the Chilaw estuary and provide a lasting solution for it;
 - (iii) if so, the courses of action taken for that; and
 - (iv) of the period of time that will be taken to develop the aforesaid estuary through the courses of action mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?

4570/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a scheme to provide a pension to every individual above 60 years of age has been introduced by the government as mentioned in the 'Mahinda Chintana - Vision for the Future';
 - (ii) of the number of individuals above 60 years of age who are provided with the aforesaid pension by now;
 - (iii) of the amount of monthly pension received by an individual through the aforesaid scheme; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken to assure the provision of the aforesaid pensions to every individual above 60 years of age?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to fulfill the said pledge, if the pension scheme which was proposed to be introduced from July 2010 has not yet been implemented; and
 - (ii) if so, what that date is?
- (c) If not, why?

4748/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of registered business premises in the island;
 - (ii) whether those businesses have been classified; and
 - (iii) if so, the manner in which such classification has been done?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of registered business premises in the Kurunegala District; and
 - (ii) whether those businesses have been classified?
- (c) If not, why?

2621/'12

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

- (a) Will he state the programmes implemented in the Eastern Province under the Eastern Pre-awakening Programme (Nagenahira Navodaya) during the years 2009, 2010 and 2011?
- (b) Will he inform this House, separately pertaining to the aforesaid programmes—
 - (i) the amount of money spent at the Divisional Secretariat Division level; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent under each heading?

- (c) Will he also state whether the aforesaid programmes are sufficient to develop the Eastern Province?
- (d) If not, why ?

3230/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will she state, pertaining to the Ceylon Electricity Board—
 - (i) the profit or loss from 2012 and todate;
 - (ii) the profit or loss projected for the years 2015-2016;
 - (iii) the capital and reserves as at today;
 - (iv) the number of people working in the institution;
 - (v) whether it is overstaffed or understaffed;
 - (vi) the cost per employee and profit per employee; and
 - (vii) the total of short term debts along with the bank overdrafts, medium and long term debts as at today?
- (b) If not, why?

3650/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that people level accusations to the effect that the paddy lands in the Weligama Divisional Secretariat Division are being filled;
 - (ii) the extent of paddy lands in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division, that has been filled without permission from the year 2005 up to now;
 - (iii) whether complaints have been received against the aforesaid unauthorized fillings;
 - (iv) if so, the number of complaints received;
 - (v) whether legal action has been taken after conducting investigations into the aforesaid complaints; and
 - (vi) the courses of action taken accordingly?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether legal permission has been obtained to fill the paddy lands in the Weligama Divisional Secretariat Division from the year 2005 up to now;
 - (ii) if so, the extent of paddy lands for which permission has been granted to be filled; and
 - (iii) the reasons for granting permission to fill the aforesaid paddy lands?
- (c) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of teaching hospitals coming under the scope of the Ministry of Health;
 - (ii) the number of sanitary labourers serving in each of the said hospitals, separately;
 - (iii) the work performed by the sanitary labourers for the patients in the said hospitals; and
 - (iv) the amount of money allocated for the salaries including the allowances for the sanitary labourers in each teaching hospital separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the amount of money paid to the private sector in the year 2012 for sanitation activities of each teaching hospital, separately; and
 - (ii) the names of private institutions to which such payments have been made?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of workshops that have been conducted by the Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka for the students trained under the Authority in the year 2013 in Colombo;
 - (ii) the dates on which such workshops were conducted and the number of students that attended each of the workshops;
 - (iii) the objectives of the workshops;
 - (iv) the resource persons who participated in those workshops; and
 - (v) the total amount spent including transport, meals and lecture fees separately?
 - (b) If not, why?
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