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Tuesday, September 23, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2732/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of acres of paddy fields to which the water supplied from Mahawewa in Galgamuwa ; and
 - (ii) of the number of farmer families that depend on the water of this tank?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) an area of about 18 acres of this tank in Galgamuwa which is about 20 acres in extent is filled with sand and soil at present ; and
 - (ii) a situation has arisen that the water capacity of the tank is not sufficient for cultivating one season, although this tank used to store water sufficient for cultivating both seasons?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether this tank will be reconstructed by removing soil and silt on behalf of the people who cultivate using water of the aforesaid tank ;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done ; and
 - (iii) the total amount of money expected to be spent for that?
- (d) If not, why ?

(2)

4164/13

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the names of the categories of Ayurvedic doctors found in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the number of doctors belonging to each of those categories; and
- (iii) the number of General Physicians among those categories, separately in terms of each district?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the total number of massage centres that have been provided with licences by the Department of Ayurveda within the period from the year 2005 up to 2013;
- (ii) the number and the addresses of those centres separately according to the districts;
- (iii) the names and addresses of the doctors who have been permitted to maintain those massage centres; and
- (iv) if licences for maintaining massage centres have been provided by other institutions in addition to the Department of Ayurveda, the names of such institutions?

(c) Will he also inform this House of—

- (i) the minimum professional qualifications required to maintain an ayurvedic massage centre; and
- (ii) the conditions that should prevail at a place where such a centre is maintained?

(d) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Land (Restrictions on Alienation) Bill— Second Reading.

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Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses Bill— Second Reading.

Dhamma School Teachers Fund (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

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Wednesday, September 24, 2014
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3314/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total number of tourists visited Sri Lanka for the years 2008 , 2009 and 2013 on per year basis;
 - (ii) the countries of the tourists visited Sri Lanka and the average stay of the tourists for last 5 years on per year basis; and
 - (iii) the amount earned from tourism and average cost spent by tourists for the years 2008,2009 and 2013 separately ?
 - (b) Will he state, for the last 5 years, the number of people directly and indirectly involved in tourism?
 - (c) Will he further state for the years 2010,2011 and 2012 on per year basis
 - (i) the number of hotel rooms in the country; and
 - (ii) the star category of the hotels consisting aforesaid rooms ?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Thursday, September 25, 2014
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4088/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a project for networking all the Post Offices located around the island has been launched;
 - (ii) the name of the institution with which an agreement has been signed;
 - (iii) whether a feasibility study was carried out before signing that agreement;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to submit a copy of the said agreement to this House; and
 - (v) the date on which that agreement was signed?

(4)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the sum of money expected to be spent for the project of networking of the Post Offices;
- (ii) of the duration of the aforesaid project; and
- (iii) separately, of the number of Post Offices networked in each phase?

(c) If not, why?

Tuesday, October 07, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2665/'12

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the assistance programmes of the state designed to develop infrastructure facilities in places of religious worship including temples, Kovils, Churches and Mosques as mentioned in the 'Mahinda Chinthana - Vision for the Future'; and
- (ii) the details of such assistance programmes?

(b) If not, why?

3245/'12

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

(a) Will he state, pertaining to the Postal Department—

- (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 this 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?

3720/'13

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of train engines and compartments imported to Department of Sri Lanka Railways during the past five years;
- (ii) the names of the countries from which these engines and compartments were imported;
- (iii) the procedure followed in purchasing the above;
- (iv) the method that was adopted to find money to purchase them;
- (v) whether local or foreign loans have been obtained to find money; and
- (vi) if so, such amounts of loans, interest rates and conditions related to that?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether it has been revealed that the aforesaid imported engines and compartments lack the required technology;
- (ii) of the reasons for such technical faults;
- (iii) whether an investigation has been conducted with regard to the purchasing of compartments and engines with technical faults;
- (iv) if so, according to the above investigation, the persons responsible for the above transaction; and
- (v) of the courses of action that have been taken against them?

(c) If not, why?

3830/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether action will be taken to widen and lay carpet on the Hakmana – Matara road;
- (ii) the estimated cost of widening and developing that road; and
- (iii) the funding sources for this purpose?

(6)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of roads in the Matara District that come under the Road Development Authority;
- (ii) whether he is aware that Matara – Hakmana road is being developed calling it the Godagama – Beliatta Highway access road;
- (iii) if that road is widened and developed, the reasons for not developing Godagama – Akurassa road as well, which covers a bigger area;
- (iv) whether he is aware that the said road which had been carpeted 7-8 years back, is being widened again based on the erroneous reports of high officials of the Road Development Authority; and
- (v) whether carpeting a road again that had been carpeted is not a wastage of money?

(c) If not, why?

4176/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House under which officer the supervision work is done at the Main Service Station Equipment Workshop at Kolonnawa, which is governed under the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation?
- (b) Will he state for the period from the year 2005 to June 2013—
 - (i) the amounts that had been spent for purchasing pumps and spare parts and for carrying out repairs to the fuel filling stations; and
 - (ii) the amount of money that was earned from selling spare parts?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the number of those employed at the workshop concerned by the end of June 2013?
- (d) If not, why?

(7)

4584/13

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment has introduced a compulsory insurance scheme that has been functioning with contributions from migrant workers; and
- (ii) the activities under this insurance scheme were first operated by the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation and later divested to a foreign recruitment agency, who in turn transferred the activities through a brokerage company to MBSL Insurance?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the date on which the foreign recruitment agency concerned started to obtain the service of the brokerage company referred to above;
- (ii) what percentage is paid to the brokerage company from the premium collected from a migrant worker;
- (iii) of the total amount of money that has been paid to the brokerage company so far;
- (iv) whether the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation obtained the service of a broker when it operated the insurance scheme; and
- (v) what benefits have been accrued through obtaining the services of the broker?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the name of the representative of the brokerage company who received the fees paid for the brokerage services; and
- (ii) whether the representative concerned had been in the employ of the brokerage company for the entirety of the period of recovery of fees by him?

(d) If not, why?

4591/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number, out of the student population of Sri Lanka has dropped out of school in the year 2013;
 - (ii) whether a study has been conducted to find out the reasons for such dropping out on the part of these children;
 - (iii) if so, the reasons identified according to that study; and
 - (iv) what course of action that has been adopted to implement remedies for those identified reasons and to minimize school drop outs?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the areas in which student dropping out of school is most prolific;
 - (ii) whether school dropouts occur in such areas for special reasons as well, in addition to the common reasons; and
 - (iii) if so, what those reasons are?
- (c) If not, why?

4656/'13

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the state institutions have been privatized during the period of 20 years from 1994 to 2014;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of the aforesaid institutions;
 - (iii) of the institutions or the parties by whom such institutions were purchased; and
 - (iv) whether the privatization of state institutions, is not in contravention to the policy of the government?
- (b) If not, why?

4673/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the qualifications one should possess to hold the Office of Registrar of Pesticides;
 - (ii) whether there is a specific time duration for one to hold the aforesaid office; and
 - (iii) of the salary paid for the aforesaid Office?

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(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the number of types of pesticides of which the importation has been suspended for the period of next two years by the Registrar of Pesticides on grounds that they can cause the kidney disease;
- (ii) of the names of the pesticides which the World Health Organization, too, has asked Sri Lanka to suspend importation;
- (iii) of the year in which the importation of the pesticides, which the World Health Organization had asked the country not to import commenced;
- (iv) whether he is aware that the pesticides which have been banned by the government are imported under different names; and
- (v) if so, of the legal action that will be taken against the companies which are engaged in such illegal acts?

(c) If not, why?

4754/'14

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of coconut oil factories available in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of the number of the factories which are functioning at present out of the aforesaid factories;
- (iii) of the number of coconut factories which functioned in the Kurunegala District in the year 2005;
- (iv) of the number of coconut factories which are functioning in the Kurunegala District at present; and
- (v) whether he is aware that around 80 coconut factories have been closed down in the Kurunegala District alone?

(b) If not, why?

4850/'14

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

(a) Is he aware that the Department of Census and Statistics publishes the District Poverty Line every month based on the minimum expenditure per person per month to fulfill the basic needs?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the latest available official Poverty Line for Colombo District;
- (ii) the 'basic needs' that are included in calculating the aforesaid Poverty Line?

(c) If not, why?

4921/'14

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) of the number of candidates who sat for the Law College Entrance Examination in the years 2013 and 2014;
 - (ii) of the number of students who were enrolled in the Sri Lanka Law College in the years 2013 and 2014; and
 - (iii) of the number of students who were enrolled in Sri Lanka Law College as per each district in the year 2014?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the number of students who were enrolled in Sri Lanka Law College in the year 2014, has been reduced drastically in comparison with the year 2013; and
 - (ii) if so, the reasons led for that?
- (c) If not, why?

4958/'14

Hon. Niroshan Perera,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of hospitals in the Puttalam District administered by the Northwestern Provincial Council; and
 - (ii) the number of out patients who received treatment from these hospitals during the years 2012 and 2013;
- (b) Will he table separately—
 - (i) the number of doctors, nurses, attendants, hospital labourers and members of other staff approved for each of the said hospitals indicated in (a)(i) above administered under the Northwestern Provincial Council; and
 - (ii) the number of vacancies exists by now in the said hospitals in respect of the above positions?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the measures taken to fill the vacancies in the posts indicated in (b) (ii) above?
- (d) If not, why?

5030/'14

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Minor Export Crop Promotion,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the approximate number of betel cultivators in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the areas in which betel is cultivated the most;
- (iii) the major betel exporting countries; and
- (iv) the amount of foreign exchange earned annually through exporting betel?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to provide fertilizer on concessionary basis to the betel cultivators;
- (ii) whether studies have been conducted to introduce a suitable methodology to minimize fluctuations that occur in the price of betel within very short periods of time in the local market;
- (iii) whether research is carried out regarding cultivation of betel; and
- (iv) if so, of the major findings and recommendations made recently regarding the advancement of betel cultivations through such research?

(c) If not, why?

2734/'12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy lands that can be cultivated by using the water of the Guru Ela anicut in Ussawa, Malsiripura ; and
- (ii) the number of farmer families who depend on the water from the aforesaid anicut?

(b) Is he aware that the aforesaid anicut in Guru Ela is damaged and about 500 farmer families who were engaged in farming have faced difficulties due to lack of water?

(12)

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the anicut in Guru Ela will be reconstructed ;
- (ii) if so, the total amount of money spent for that ;
- (iii) the date on which the reconstruction work will be completed ; and
- (iv) whether action will be taken to grant a compensation to the affected farmer families until the aforesaid anicut is reconstructed?

(d) If not, why ?

Thursday, October 09, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2670/'12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the name of the national programme implemented for the upliftment of seawater fishing industry in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) whether programmes for providing fishing gear for seawater fishing community are being implemented;
- (iii) if so, separately the names of those programmes;
- (iv) the total amount of money allocated for those programmes;
- (v) the aforesaid amount as a percentage of the total amount of money allocated for the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development; and
- (vi) whether that allocated amount will be sufficient?

(b) If not, why?

3246/'12

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

(a) Will he state, pertaining to the Department of Sri Lanka Railways—

- (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;

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- (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?

3713/13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he state separately, in each year—
 - (i) the amount of money received by the President's Fund in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012; and
 - (ii) the funding sources of that amount?
- (b) Will he also state separately, in each year—
 - (i) the total amount of money spent by the President's Fund during the last two years; and
 - (ii) the breakdown of that expenditure on each sector?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the basis on which people are selected for providing aid for medical treatment from the President Fund;
 - (ii) whether aids have been provided from the President's Fund for medical treatment to members of Pradeshiya Sabhas, Provincial Councils and the Members of Parliament during the period of last 03 years; and
 - (iii) if so, of their names and the amount of money provided to each person?
- (d) If not, why?

3961/'13

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) it was published in the newspapers that the group that participated in the 6th South Asian University Cultural Festival held in the University of Patiala Punjab of India from 24.02.2013 to 28.02.2013 representing the University of Visual Arts, had been selected to be the first and most talented group;
- (ii) however, competitions were not held in the aforesaid festival except for presentation of cultural items;
- (iii) a fake felicitation ceremony too was held with the participation by you and a group of experts with a huge expenditure implying the aforesaid group won the first place, the group that received just a certificate of participation at the aforesaid festival; and
- (iv) Secretary of the Students Union of the faculty of Visual Arts make allegations that aforesaid fraudulent act was committed by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Performing Arts Mr. Jayasena Kottegodage on behalf of his son Janaka Kottegodage?

(b) Will he state whether the steps will be taken to hold a formal inquiry and punish the offenders in relation to the aforesaid fraudulent act?

(c) If not, why?

4419/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the quarters and the other buildings located in the premises of around 500 acres which belong to the Ambelipitiya Paper Mills, coming under the Walawa special area of the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka are being used presently;
- (ii) whether information has been received in regard to unauthorized occupation in the lands in the aforesaid premises,
- (iii) whether information has been received in regard to the cutting down of trees in the lands in the aforesaid premises and the transport of timber; and
- (iv) whether any programme is being implemented in order to protect the lands, buildings and the other property in the aforesaid premises?

(b) If not, why?

4624/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether two institutions alleged to have imported fuel not suitable for use, have been granted permission to import fuel again;
 - (ii) if so, the names of those two institutions; and
 - (iii) the basis on which those two institutions were banned?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the aviation fuel that was imported is used as kerosene oil;
 - (ii) whether petrol imported as Octane 95 was released to the market as Octane 90 after adulteration; and
 - (iii) if so, the reason for granting permission for importation of crude oil again to the Chinese company which provided the stock of petrol which compelled the action mentioned above?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether he admits that the aforesaid institutions have committed irregularities in importing fuel; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures taken against that company by now?
- (d) If not, why?

4636/'13

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for extending the age limit for the payment of farmers' pension to 63 years from the budget of 2014;
 - (ii) whether the extension of the age limit for paying the farmers' pension up to 63 years is a violation of the Farmers' Pension and Social Security Benefit Scheme Act, No. 12 of 1987 which stipulates that the pension should be paid to farmers at the age of 60 years; and
 - (iii) if not, whether action will be taken to pay pension arrears to those who have become entitled to pension by paying installments from the year 2011 to November 2013?
- (b) Will he table separately of—
 - (i) the contribution of the farmers' pension scheme from 18 years of age; and
 - (ii) the contribution of the Ministry of Finance and Planning, the Govisetha Lottery and farmers for the farmers' pension?
- (c) If not, why?

4733/'14

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

- (a) Will he state separately, the number of girls and boys who should have been given free school uniform materials for the year 2014?
- (b) Will he table separately, of the amount of material required for school uniforms, i.e. for girls' dresses, for white shirts and trousers and for blue shorts given to younger boys in each district?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the manner adopted to purchase material required for the aforesaid uniforms;
 - (ii) whether tenders were called for this purpose;
 - (iii) if so, of the names of the tenderers, bids submitted and types of material offered by each tenderer;
 - (iv) whether the submitted materials were checked by a technical assessment committee to ensure that they are in accordance with the specifications;
 - (v) if so, whether the suppliers were selected according to the recommendation of the aforesaid committee; and
 - (vi) whether a follow up programme or a final report is compiled to check whether all students studying in government schools island wide are provided with uniform material equally?
- (d) If not, why?

4762/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of villages established in the Kurunegala District under the Dairy Village Programme;
 - (ii) of the number of milk sales outlets that have been established in the Kurunegala District;
 - (iii) whether a follow-up review programme is implemented in regard to the operation of the aforesaid sales outlets which have been commenced to popularize liquid milk?
- (b) If not, why?

4816/'14

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, — To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of age limits at which the fitness tests are conducted for officers serving in the Presidential Security Division, the Prime Minister's Security Division and the VIP Security Division;
 - (ii) what those age limits are;
 - (iii) of the number of officers who have died during the fitness test referred to above; and
 - (iv) of the number of officers who have fallen sick during the fitness test?
- (b) If not, why?

4944/'14

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the specified duration of the Allied Health Services or Nursing and Para-Medical Services degree course;
 - (ii) the total number of students following that degree course by now; and
 - (iii) the number of students enrolled annually for that degree course?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the duration of the said course which had been designed as a four year degree course with the syllabuses prepared accordingly, has been reduced to three years by now;
 - (ii) if so, whether it is possible to complete that degree course which had been designed with syllabuses for four years, in three years;
 - (iii) whether those students are caused an injustice as a result of reducing the duration of that degree course; and
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

4959/'14

Hon. Niroshan Perera,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of buses assigned to the Wennappuwa bus depot in the Puttalam District;
 - (ii) the number of buses operated daily by the said bus depot as of now;
 - (iii) the number of buses removed from running from the said depot as of now;
 - (iv) the total number of employees employed in the said depot;
 - (v) the amount of money required for the payment of their monthly salaries and allowances; and
 - (vi) the monthly profit or loss of the said depot?
- (b) If not, why?

5031/'14

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, — To ask the Minister of Botanical Gardens and Public Recreation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Veterinary Surgeons serving in the Department of National Zoological Gardens;
 - (ii) whether vacancies for Veterinary Surgeons are exist in the said Department at present; and
 - (iii) if so, whether action will be taken to fill those vacancies expeditiously?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of elephants retained in the zoological gardens, Dehiwala;
 - (ii) the number that has been contracted Tuberculosis out of the aforesaid animals;
 - (iii) whether adequate facilities for the treatments of those sick animals are available in the Dehiwala Zoological Garden; and
 - (iv) the preventive measures that have been initiated in view of averting Tuberculosis being spread by the affected elephants among the other animals in the Zoological Garden?

- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the number of elephants and tuskers in the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage;
 - (ii) whether it has been reported that Tuberculosis cases have been found among such elephants and tuskers; and
 - (iii) of the steps that have been taken to protect the elephants and tuskers in Pinnawala from being contracted Tuberculosis?
- (d) If not, why?

5171/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps have been taken to provide question papers solely in English to students who answer in Sinhalese and Tamil languages at the first, second and third year examinations of the Sri Lanka Law College;
 - (ii) if so, the reason for that decision; and
 - (iii) whether the Minister of Justice has given his consent to that decision?
- (b) If not, why?

3317/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Investment Promotion,— (1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the number of state enterprises requested and the number of companies entered into agreement with the Board of Investment under Section 16 and Section 17 of Board of Investment of Sri Lanka Act from 31/05/2011 to date on per year and per section basis;
 - (ii) the number of enterprises in (a)(i) above that have started commercial operations to date; and
 - (iii) the value of the investment that has been done as per (a)(i) above?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the tax holidays enjoyed by the aforesaid companies; and
 - (ii) the number of companies registered and commenced operations during the period from 01/01/2010 to 31/12/2012 on the basis of per year and per section of Board of Investment of Sri Lanka Act?
- (c) If not, why?
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Friday, October 10, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2678/'12

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) in paying pension, a person who retires on the 01st of the month is paid unreduced pension for the number of days that was spent on retirement of the relevant month, viz., for the entire month and a person who retires on 02nd is only paid unreduced pension only from the subsequent month;
 - (ii) this situation is a grave injustice committed to those who retire on a date other than the first of the month; and
 - (iii) nowhere has it been stated in the pensions minutes that the computation of pension should be done on such inequitable system?
- (b) If so, will he state whether action will be taken to do away with the above injustice with retrospective effect by using the powers vested under section 31 of the pensions minutes or in any other appropriate manner and pay arrears entitled to pensioners accordingly?
- (c) If not, why ?

3251/'12

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

- (a) Will he state, pertaining to the Sri Lanka Cricket—
 - (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?

3824/'13

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

- (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?

3922/'13

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the garbage collected in the city of Kandy is disposed of at a place in Gohagoda area in Kandy close to the Mahaweli river; and
 - (ii) an animal farm is run close to that place?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether legal permission has been granted to run an animal farm in the aforesaid place;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the institutions that have granted the aforesaid permission or the name of the institution that has granted the aforesaid permission;
 - (iii) the name and address of the owner of the aforesaid animal farm; and
 - (iv) if the owner of the aforesaid farm is employed in another institution in addition to that industry, the name of that institution and the post held by him?
- (c) If not, why?

4152/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total amount of money spent for the World Environment Day—2013;
 - (ii) the funding source of that money;
 - (iii) whether money has been obtained from other institutions in addition to the funds of the Ministry;
 - (iv) if so, the names of those institutions and the amount of money obtained from them;
 - (v) whether Rs. 70 lacks each has been obtained from National Gem and Jewellery Authority, State Timber Corporation and Geological Survey and Mines Bureau, for the World Environment Day; and
 - (vi) if not, whether you have expected to obtain money in that way?
- (b) If not, why?

4295/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the events for the under thirteen age group have been removed in the school sports meets;
 - (ii) if the events have been thus cancelled, the date on which it was removed;
 - (iii) the next age group eligible for events, if the events for the under thirteen age group have been cancelled; and
 - (iv) accordingly whether the students from 10 to 12 years do not take part in games?
- (b) Will he state whether a methodology is implemented to check the reports of the special medical investigations prior to the participating school children in sports competitions?
- (c) If not, why?

4433/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether India has purchased weapons from Sri Lanka according to a statement made by the Indian Minister of Defence in the Lok Sabha;
 - (ii) if so, the time period in which that transaction was taken place;
 - (iii) of the types of weapons that have been purchased by India;
 - (iv) of the income earned by Sri Lanka by selling those weapons; and
 - (v) of the report that ensures the transparency of that transaction?
- (b) If not why?

4614/'13

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

- (a) Will he state separately, the current per capita income of Sri Lanka in standard terms and in Sri Lankan rupees?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the total number of public servants among the income earning personnel of the country;
 - (ii) the number of public servants out of the said number, who receive salaries equal or in excess to the current per capita income; and
 - (iii) the answer to (b)(ii) as a percentage of the total number of public servants?
- (c) If not, why?

4758/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the Homeopathic Medical Council was established;
 - (ii) whether the Homeopathic Medical Council is active at present;
 - (iii) of the number of registered Homeopathic doctors in Sri Lanka as at 2012; and
 - (iv) whether any programme has been implemented by the Ministry to make Homeopathy treatment method popular?
- (b) If not, why?

4817/'14

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, — To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether it has been proposed to construct a small power station linked to the Deduru Oya Reservoir Project that is being constructed in the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) if so, what volume of electricity is expected to be generated from it;
 - (iii) the amount of money which will be spent for the project;
 - (iv) whether the construction work of the electricity project concerned has been commenced by now;
 - (v) if so, the name of the company which conducts the construction work;
 - (vi) whether the Ceylon Electricity Board has entered into an agreement to purchase the volume of electricity expected to be generated in this manner; and
 - (vii) if so, at which price a unit of electricity is intended to be purchased?
- (b) If not, why?

4855/'14

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs has the statistics about the buddhist monks in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) accordingly, the number of Buddhist monks living in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (iii) the number of Buddhist monks who were ordained in the year 2013; and
 - (iv) the number of monks who have disrobed during the aforesaid year?
- (b) Will he inform this House the steps that have been taken to provide a solution and to identify the reasons as to why the Buddhist monks who are rendering a yeoman service to protect the Buddha Sasana in Sri Lanka, are leaving it?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) according to the statistics in the Ministry of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs, the number of Buddhist Bikkunis in Sri Lanka to date; and
 - (ii) the number of Bikkunis who were ordained during the year 2013?
- (d) If not, why?

4907/'14

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the total number of inmates held in Mahara prison;
 - (ii) the number of persons detained as suspects, out of them; and
 - (iii) the number of persons held as prisoners?
- (b) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the wards “L” and “N” of the Mahara prison are used to detain suspects;
 - (ii) there is a high congestion in the aforesaid two wards;
 - (iii) the toilet facilities and the drinking water facilities and washing facilities in the aforesaid prison are at a very minimum level; and
 - (iv) the inmates of the aforesaid wards undergo severe strain due to the aforesaid circumstances?
- (c) Will he state the measures taken to minimize the congestion in the detention places in the Mahara prison?
- (d) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the name of the incumbent superintendent of the Mahara prison;
 - (ii) of the total number of employees working in that prison;
 - (iii) whether there is any truth of the accusation to the effect that the staff of the Mahara prison along with its superintendent treat the inmates of that prison in an inhuman manner; and
 - (iv) if so, the courses of action taken in that regard?
- (e) If not, why?

5024/'14

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the construction of the buildings out in the premises of the University of Wayamba, Central College Kuliapitiya and Technical College Kuliapitiya for the Deyata Kirula 2014 were undertaken by the State Engineering Corporation;
- (ii) of the names of the companies if the aforesaid constructions were carried out by the other companies;
- (iii) separately, of the estimated amount of money for each of the aforesaid building;
- (iv) whether the aforesaid buildings were constructed on contract basis; and
- (v) if so, of the tender procedures that were followed in providing contracts for constructions?

(b) If not, why?

5169/'14

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a road has been named after Professor Ediriweera Sarathchandra within the Municipality of Sri Jayewardenepura, Kotte;
- (ii) whether a name board indicating 'Epitamulla Road' has been fixed there after removing the name board of the said road in the year 2014; and
- (iii) of the reason that contributed to the alteration of the name of the said road in that manner during the year 2014 on which the centenary birth celebration of Professor Ediriweera Sarathchandra has fallen?

(b) If not, why?

5197/'14

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the cash balance of the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund by now;
- (ii) whether the money in that fund has been invested in the share market;
- (iii) if so, the names of the companies in which the shares were purchased investing such fund;
- (iv) the number of shares that have been purchased from each of the such companies; and
- (v) the progress of each of those investments at the end of the year 2013?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether the money of that fund has been utilized to purchase Treasury Bills and bonds;
- (ii) if so, whether the support of the brokers have been obtained for that;
- (iii) if so, the names of those brokers; and
- (iv) the value of the payments made to them?

(c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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. 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.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.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” (බීරළු) 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.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.

P.213/'14

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Punishment for corrupt high ranking Government Officials,— That this Parliament resolves that high ranking Government Officials who misuse and politicize their independent positions be punished and fined as soon as they are found guilty.

P.214/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Training Tourist Guides,— That this Parliament resolves that a formal programme to train Tourist Guides be formulated in order to make Tourist Guides a group of professionals who can provide an efficient and polite service to tourists and enhance the professionalism of these Tourist Guides.

P.215/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Amendment of the existing laws on lands,— That this Parliament resolves that due to the fact that a racket of selling lands, having made forged deeds is being carried out at present in Sri Lanka, and the law is executed at a minimum level in this regard, the existing legal system should be amended in order that the security of entitlement to lands is enhanced and severe punishment could be inflicted on the offenders.

P.216/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Protection of coral reefs in the Sri Lankan territorial waters,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be planned and implemented through a committee of experts, to bring about a change in the statutory framework, and a change in the attitudes of people where human action can be controlled to ensure the protection of corals, owing to the fact that the coral reefs available in the Sri Lankan territorial waters are confronted with the threat of getting destroyed as a result of human activities.

P.217/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Employing women for school service vehicles,— That this Parliament resolves that appropriate legislation be formulated making it compulsory to employ women to serve in all the school service vehicles in order to enhance the quality of the school vehicle service and to ensure the safety of the school children who are transported in these vehicles.

P.218/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Reducing the prices of medicinal drugs,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene in reducing the prices of medicinal drugs, declaring the National Medicinal Drugs Policy in Sri Lanka and initiating the sale in their generic names, with immediate effect.

P.219/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Curtailing the rackets carried out via the internet including the sale of medicinal drugs,— That this Parliament resolves that it is proper to formulate an appropriate programme and implement it in order to restrain the ongoing hefty sale of substandard medicinal drugs, medical equipment, and cosmetic products via internet since these rackets pose a huge threat on the health and the wellbeing of the people in our country.

P.220/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Cultivation without use of agrochemicals,— That this Parliament resolves that it is prudent for the government to intervene to take steps to provide for the people with healthy meals devoid of harmful effects, by setting up a Committee consisting of agriculture experts and environmentalists to conduct research in order to introduce an environmental friendly cultivating method and banning highly toxic agrochemicals in Sri Lanka by obtaining their recommendations.

P.221/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Freeing school children from addiction to narcotic drugs,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be implemented to free the school children from addiction to narcotic drugs since the tendency for drug addiction is on the increase in Sri Lanka at present.

P.222/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Appointment of a National Productivity Committee,— That this Parliament resolves that the Heads of Institutions who have driven their institutions to high productivity levels be identified during productivity improvement programmes conducted by the government and that a National Productivity Committee be established consisting of the aforesaid Heads of Institutions so that their knowledge and experience can be used and programmes and methodologies implemented in their institutions can be applied to other institutions.

P.223/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Developing medical consultancy services on community medicine,— That this Parliament resolves that the government must intervene to formulate plans to develop medical consultancy services in the field of community medicine which is an essential aspect of the healthcare service and take action to resolve the issues after observing issues prevalent in the field.

P.224/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Designating as National Heroes those Sri Lankans who were branded by British Colonial rulers as traitors,— That this Parliament resolves that all those Sri Lankans, who had fought death-defiantly against British Colonial rulers in the name of the country and had been branded as traitors from the year 1815 up to the Independence in the year 1948, should be designated National Heroes by a Gazette Extraordinary.

P.225/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking action to prevent food unsuitable for consumption from coming to the market,— That this Parliament resolves that action should be taken to solve the problems faced by the Special Raids Units of the Consumer Affairs Authority, in carrying out raids against persons and institutions that are engaged in producing and selling food unsuitable for consumption, those aiding and abetting in such acts and provide the Authority with the necessary facilities, and to amend the Legal System so that maximum punishment could be meted out to offenders.

P.226/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Promotion of poison free food products,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should intervene to initiate a programme for the local producers, who are engaged in food production and other related products, and to confer awards of honorary title to the entrepreneurs, who produce poison free food, with a view to change their attitudes and create awareness among them about the services that can be provided to the country, by giving high quality, healthy food to the consumers.

P.227/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Acquisition of encroached lands that belong to sanctuaries,— That this Parliament resolves that since various types of people and organizations have encroached lands in the areas that have been declared as sanctuaries in Sri Lanka, the Government should intervene immediately to acquire those lands back.

P.228/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Implementation of a plan to uplift the indigenous community,— That this Parliament resolves that a separate census should be conducted about the indigenous community of Sri Lanka, and the problems encountered by them in their day to day life should be systematically identified, and a viable plan necessary to create an environment in which they can live with dignity be brought in to action through a panel of experts, inclusive of the leaders of the indigenous community.

P.229/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Conservation of artefacts in the North and the East damaged by the war,— That this Parliament resolves that it is advisable to appoint a committee consisting of expert archaeologists with the aim of conducting a research and gathering information on the existing artefacts in the North and the East and conserving, protecting and restoring the said artefacts since artefacts in the Northern and Eastern provinces were severely damaged as a result of the 30 year war.

P.230/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Popularising local seeds for cultivation,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary plans be formulated and implemented, to improve the research and technology required to identify the local seed varieties that could be cultivated using local organic fertilizer without using agro chemicals and increase their production and distribute them throughout the country speedily, in order to provide the people food free of toxic chemicals.

P.231/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing facilities to study foreign languages,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary plans be formulated and implemented to expand the facilities required to study key foreign languages other than English, as language ability is a key factor that decides the comprehensive nature of a person's intellect.

P.232/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Limiting the expenditure incurred on all election campaigns,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be enacted enabling the restriction of expenditure incurred on elections, since certain candidates spend excessive amounts of money in all the elections held in Sri Lanka, and as it is unfair for the educated category of people who can genuinely serve the country, but are not economically capable enough to spend money.

P.233/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Regaining the archaeological artefacts that have been taken away from Sri Lanka during the Colonial Era,— That this Parliament resolves that interventions be carried out by the Government to take necessary action in view of regaining the archaeological artefacts back to our country subsequent to conducting a survey on the artefacts with an archaeological value that have been taken away from our country to Portugal, Netherlands and Great Britain during the period in which Sri Lanka had been a Colony.

P.234/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a Bhikku Court,— That this Parliament resolves that a separate Bhikku Court be established for the Judicial purposes of the Bhikkus in order to safeguard their dignity and protection, with Legal Force granted for the decisions of such court.

P.235/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a Statutory Bhikku Council,— That this Parliament resolves that a Statutory Bhikku Council comprising of eminent Bhikkus with experience and superior knowledge on governance, law, foreign affairs and social activities and to be elected by the consensus of the Bhikkus be established, with legal authority to provide advice and guidance to people's representative bodies including the Parliament and to propose amendments to legislations.

P.236/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of an Institute of study on tank culture,— That this Parliament resolves that an Institute of study on tank culture be established with the intervention of the government to conduct researches needed to revitalize, protect and develop the hydro technology and to conduct courses to create people armed with necessary knowledge about the above subject.

P.237/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of an Institute to study the Mahawansa,— That this Parliament resolves that an institute by the name of "Mahawansa Study Research National Institute" be established with the intervention of the Bhikku and with the patronage of the Government to study the Mahawansa, that reveals the evolution of history of Sri Lanka.

P.238/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Putting an end to Anti-Buddhist Activities,— That this Parliament resolves that interventions be made by the government to put an end to anti Buddhist activities and publications and to the emergence of misinterpretations relating to Buddhism through formulating a mechanism which enables a certain work of art to be presented to a Board of Scholars of Sangha with legal authority and expertise on the analysis of dhamma books and publications prior to launching the particular work of art and be amended if not suitable for social integration, through the establishment of such a Board.

P.239/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Appreciation of patriotic work of art,— That this Parliament resolves that interventions be made by the government to formulate a methodology to annually appreciate work of art with a national and cultural value in a manner that generates patriotism and self-dignity.

P.240/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking action to improve the discipline of school children in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that arrangements be made to direct school children in Sri Lanka to engage in a sporting activity of their preference and to participate in a practical training on discipline with the objective of integrating them into society as healthy, disease free and physically fit citizens.

P.241/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a Buddhist Cultural Information Centre,— That this Parliament resolves that information on Buddhist places of worship that are located in Sri Lanka, other related and consequential aspects as well as information on the Bhikkus etc. be gathered and computerized in a methodical manner and that an institution called “Buddhist Cultural Information Centre” complete with new technological equipment and sufficient human and physical resources be established with state patronage.

P.242/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Revising and updating of Dhamma School textbooks,— That this Parliament resolves that Dhamma Schools be provided with textbooks that have been designed to provide practical training and to support intellectual development, that are aimed at creating a well disciplined society and authored by a board of scholars, in place of the existing textbooks which are examination oriented and knowledge centered.

P.243/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Appointing a Board to regulate International Schools,— That this Parliament resolves that a Board with full powers be appointed to regulate the scope of International Schools to suit the Sri Lankan culture, ethics and social sustainability.

P.244/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Making the National Education Commission more dynamic,— That this Parliament resolves that the National Education Commission be made more dynamic in the direction of transforming the entire education system by way of a National Education Policy that will be modeled in a manner in which a winning citizen, who is armed with knowledge on local history, morals, production capability, intelligence, traditional know-how, patriotism, healthiness, skillfulness, and wealth of attitudes, could be formed.

P.245/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Improving the specialist field of family medical service,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene to take action expeditiously, to observe and solve the issues that exist in the specialist family medical service which is an integral part of the health services, and to carry out the planning intending the improvement of aforementioned service.

P. 246/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Offering the services of Ayurvedic doctors to foreign countries,— That this Parliament resolves that it is advisable to draw up and implement a programme, to make available, foreign employment opportunities to graduates who complete the Ayurvedic Medical Degree.

P. 247/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Amending the Ayurveda Act,— That this Parliament resolves that measures should be taken to present forthwith a new Ayurveda Act by amending the existing obsolete Ayurveda Act with a view to addressing professional issues of Ayurveda practitioners and upholding the honour and dignity associated with this profession.

P. 248/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Creating a railway protection system,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene to create and implement a railway protection system through a committee which comprises of the inventors who created the railway protection system in Sri Lanka, the academics related to that field and the experts in all the fields of the Railway Department.

P. 249/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Enhancing the quality of the passenger transport service,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme should be formulated and implemented in order to reduce the risk that would cause in the long run for the existence of the bus passenger transport service, through action taken to retain the 1% - 2% of the passengers who defy that service annually, by enhancing the quality of that service.

P. 250/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Setting a Standard for the Sinhala Language,— That this Parliament resolves that a procedure that can ensure that sustainability of the Sinhala Language be made through the appointment of a panel of experts to set a standard for the language by taking into consideration the changes that occur over time since the syntax and the use of certain letters, particularly ‘න, ණ, ට, ට්’ are controversial.

P. 251/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Controlling environmental pollution that occur through the use of Persistent Organic Pollutants,— That this Parliament resolves that a formal programme be formulated and implemented in order to control the emission of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) as those pollutants which let emitted to the environment in the process of the use of pesticides and industries consist of twelve types of polluting agents which are very harmful to human health.

P. 252/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Incorporation of the Buddhist Philosophy into Governance,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should intervene to plan and implement a programme that will enable all Members of Parliament, Provincial Councils and Local Government institutions of the governing party and the opposition to contribute to good governance of the country by raising their awareness of the teaching of Lord Buddha found in Saptha Aparihaniya Dharma, Dasa Raja Dharma, Rajovada Jathaka, Kuru Dharma Jathaka, Ganda Ninduka Jathaka, Thesathura Jathaka, Devadharma Jathaka, Sathara Sangraha Wasthu, Chakkawaththi Sihanada Sutta and Dharma Pradeepika.

P. 253/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Disposal of electronic waste,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be formulated for the disposal of electronic waste and action be taken to protect the environment as heavy metals such as arsenic, cadmium, mercury, lead, etc. are added to the environment when fluorescent bulbs, telephones, mobile phones, electrical equipment, batteries, computers and parts of computers etc. are disposed to the environment as waste.

P. 254/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of good Governance in the country,— That this Parliament resolves that a plan be formulated and implemented towards the establishment of good governance in the country since it is evident that improper administration is visible in the country owing to the existence of features of improper administration like arbitrary policy formulation, bureaucracy, passive and unfair laws, abuse of executive powers, less contribution from the citizens towards politics and the spread of corruption in our country.

P. 255/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Reacquisition of Sri Lankan Ola leaf books which are available in foreign countries,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper methodology be formulated and implemented in view of integrating the ancient knowledge included in Ola leaf books by obtaining them back to the country owing to the fact that many precious Ola leaf books belonging to Sri Lanka are available in many countries in the world including Europe and since the present Sri Lankan society is deprived of the knowledge included in the said books.

P. 256/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Using agriculture for the protection of bio diversity,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme that directs farmers to protect the bio diversity of the country through popularizing mixed crop cultivation instead of single crop cultivation, removing chemicals that harm bio diversity from use in agriculture and promoting the use of integrated pest control systems in the country be implemented.

P.257/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Safeguarding the peoples' right to food,— That this Parliament resolves that, steps be taken to guarantee the basic right of the people to food, by formulating a formal programme, with the intervention of the Government, to ensure that prices of food are controlled and the people of the country receive a healthy meal, as the formulation and implementation of policies by the government is depriving the people of Sri Lanka the basic right to food in accordance with the system of human rights of the United Nations, whereas the responsibility of solving the food problem is fully vested with the Government as per aforesaid conventions.

P. 258/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Management of inorganic substances,— That this Parliament resolves that the measures should be taken to manage the inorganic substances for the wellbeing and the safety of the ecosystem of the country by devising a mechanism to collect inorganic substances that are discarded after use, regularizing Environmental Laws with regard to utilization of inorganic materials, minimizing the utilization of inorganic substances and by recycling them.

P. 259/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Making the school students aware of the indigenous medicine and home remedies,— That this Parliament resolves that the measures should be taken to make the school students aware of the indigenous medicine and the home remedies, by introducing a subject to the school syllabus, that embraces the orderly specifics of indigenous medicine and popular medicine, with the basic aim of creating a healthy nation and establishing the wellbeing of the Local Ayurvedic medicine.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

P. 260/'14

Hon. Ranil Wickremasinghe

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on the implications of proposed amendments to the Buddhist Temporalities Ordinance,—

Whereas the Legal Draftsman on the instructions of the Government has prepared a Bill (Presently bearing No. L.D.O. 20/2014) to amend the Buddhist Temporalities Ordinance;

And whereas comprehensive and far reaching amendments are being proposed to the present Buddhist Temporalities Ordinance;

And whereas no public discussion has taken place in respect of the provisions of these proposed amendments;

And whereas the Government is Constitutionally bound to safeguard and protect the Buddha Sasana which would include the property in the possession of the temples and the Sangha;

And whereas no consultations have taken place with the Buddhist clergy and especially the Mahanayakas of the several Nikayas who will be the most affected by these amendments.

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire and report on the following matters—

- (a) the implications of the proposed amendments on temple properties and other temporalities in the custody of the Sangha;
 - (b) any amendments that the Committee feels are necessary to safeguard the temple properties;
 - (c) steps that are necessary to prevent alienation or appropriation of the temple properties now in the custody of the Sangha;
 - (d) a mechanism to ensure a process of consultation with the respective Mahanayakas before any action is taken in respect of the temple properties and other temporalities in the custody of the Sangha;
 - (e) any other matters that the Committee deems appropriate and necessary in the circumstances and which will have a bearing on the matters under consideration by the Committee.
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 - (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by the Speaker,
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
 3. The Select Committee shall consult and act on the advice of the Venerable Mahanayakas of the Nikayas.
 4. That the Committee shall have the power to:
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
 5. The Committee shall makes its report within six months of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.
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