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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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DFCC Bank (Repeal and Consequential Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

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Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Bill — Second Reading.

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 1),—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1853/45 of 14th March 2014, which was presented on 09.10.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 2),—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1863/13 of 21st May 2014, which was presented on 09.10.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 3),—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1870/21 of 09th July 2014, which was presented on 09.10.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1871/23 of 15th July 2014, which was presented on 09.10.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 5),—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1871/35 of 17th July 2014, which was presented on 09.10.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 6),—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1872/35 of 25th July 2014, which was presented on 09.10.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Regulations under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce under Section 29 read with Section 12 (1) (V) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1870/71 of 11th July 2014, which were presented on 09.10.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

The Institute of Medicina Alternativa (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*

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Saturday, October 25, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2695/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the world famous hot water springs of Madunagala are situated in the village of Mahapelessa in the Sooriyawewa Divisional Secretariat Division in Hambantota District;
 - (ii) the area surrounding the aforesaid hot water springs was developed as a tourist zone;
 - (iii) a large number of Sri Lankans and foreigners visit this area at present; and
 - (iv) the facilities for tourism that were developed in the area surrounding the hot water springs are decaying at present ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a programme with proper targets will be implemented with a view to addressing the shortcomings prevalent in the tourist zone around Madunagala hot water springs; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time within which it will be done ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3310/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of Sri Lankans working overseas as at 31st December 2012 and to date ?
- (b) Will he state from 2009 to date—
 - (i) the total foreign remittances flowed into the country through foreign employment separately in U.S Dollars and Sri Lankan Rupees;
 - (ii) the number of migrant workers deported or sent back each year owing to the default working contracts;
 - (iii) the steps being taken in this regard;
 - (iv) the amount of money earned through the Insurance Scheme from Sri Lankans who are leaving for overseas jobs; and
 - (v) the amount of money spent from the said Insurance Funds for the Sri Lankans working overseas?
- (c) If not, why?

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4086/'13

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) two charge sheets have been served under Schedule I of Chapter XLVIII of the Establishments Code against the Deputy Post Master General Mr. Senadheera who has been appointed as the Director of the project for networking Post Offices;
- (ii) Mr. Senadheera has been subjected to punishment as he was found guilty of an allegation mentioned in one of the charge sheets;
- (iii) a formal disciplinary inquiry has not been conducted regarding the other charge sheet yet;
- (iv) the Auditor General has informed that the Deputy Post Master General Mr. K.A.S. Senadheera is not qualified to act as the Director of the aforementioned project; and
- (v) the Auditor General has ordered that the money obtained by Mr. Senadheera through undue means as the Director of the project be recovered?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to conduct a formal disciplinary inquiry on the remaining charge sheet against Mr. Senadheera; and
- (ii) whether disciplinary action will be taken to recover the money that has been obtained by him as the Project Director in undue manner?

(c) If not, why?

4281/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the Company from which Blood Glucose Test Strips, which are used to examine the glucose level of diabetic patients, were purchased for government hospitals from June 2013;
- (ii) the number of test strips purchased from the aforesaid company,
- (iii) the purchasing price of a Glucose Test Strip mentioned above;
- (iv) whether it has been reported that there is a shortage of Glucose Test Strips or they are completely unavailable in government hospitals from August 2013; and
- (v) if so, the reasons for it?

(b) If not, why?

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4571/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the number of ships that arrived at each of the harbours coming under the Sri Lanka Ports Authority and the number of containers handled by each of those harbours during the period from the year 2011 to date;
 - (ii) separately, of the operational profit or loss of each of those harbours during the same period; and
 - (iii) separately, of the total income and the profit earned by the Sri Lanka Ports Authority during the aforesaid period as a whole?
- (b) If not, why?

4671/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of the location and the hotel where the 'Commonwealth Business Conference –2013' was held at;
 - (ii) of the number of countries that the businessmen who attended the aforesaid conference represented; and
 - (iii) separately of the amounts of money spent on the aforesaid conference by the government of Sri Lanka and the Commonwealth Business Forum?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether tax concessions have been granted for projects that were started in Sri Lanka after the aforesaid conference; and
 - (ii) separately of the benefits that the government and the people of Sri Lanka receive through the aforesaid concessions?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are special projects which the businessmen who attended the aforesaid conference were interested in investing in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of such projects?
- (d) If not, why?

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4768/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Sub Post Offices available in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of Sub Post Offices which are operated by the government incurring expenses for rent;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to prevent the Sub Post Masters from paying the rents for office buildings from their personal money;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to increase the building rental allowance of Rs. 250/=; and
 - (v) if so, what that date is?
- (b) If not, why?

4856/'14

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) of the housing programmes operational under the Ministry of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities;
 - (ii) the housing projects that have been completed and commissioned at present; and
 - (iii) the procedure followed in selecting the recipients of houses under those housing projects?
- (b) Will he table a list of names of the recipients of houses under the above housing projects?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether arrangements have been made to provide the houses of the Maligawatta housing scheme to its original residents; and
 - (ii) the objectives of the housing programmes of the Ministry for 2014?
- (d) If not, why?

4871/'14

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(3)

- (a) Will she state the volume of electricity power that was lost to the national power grid due to suspension of power generation at the Norochcholai Thermal Power Station owing to its breakdowns and maintenance work?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is any truth in the assertion that salt or a chemical akin to salt has been introduced into the condenser system of the Norochcholai Thermal Power Station on 13 February 2014;
 - (ii) if so, what investigations have been conducted into it by now;
 - (iii) the persons who were found guilty for it; and
 - (iv) what legal action has been taken against them in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

5035/'14

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development, —(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) there is a big demand for Virgin Coconut Oil in the international market;
 - (ii) there is an opportunity of earning large amount of foreign exchange by the exportation of Virgin Coconut Oil which is being sold at high prices?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of factories manufacturing Virgin Coconut Oil in the country;
 - (ii) of the amount of Virgin Coconut Oil manufactured annually;
 - (iii) the income generated by the exportation of Virgin Coconut Oil in the year 2013;
 - (iv) of the government patronage extended towards such manufacturers;
 - (v) whether a standard quality control mechanism has been introduced in view of maintaining a higher level of the quality of Virgin Coconut Oil exported by Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

5174/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amounts of debt and interest owed by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation to the Bank of Ceylon, People's Bank and other Banks to date separately?
- (b) If not, why?

5180/'14

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, — To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the date on which the foundation stone was laid for the last time for the construction of Welipennagahamulla Post-Office in Bingiriya electorate;
 - (ii) the number of occasions on which foundation stones were laid for the construction of the aforesaid Post-Office; and
 - (iii) separately the amount of money that was spent on the functions that were held in each of such occasions?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether arrangements have been made to construct a permanent building to house the aforesaid Post-Office which is being run amidst difficulties;
 - (ii) the estimated construction cost of the aforesaid building; and
 - (iii) accordingly, the scheduled dates of commencement and completion of construction work and commissioning of the aforesaid Post-Office?
- (c) If not, why?

5202/'14

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the documents that should be submitted together with the application forwarded to seek approval to travel overseas for the Umra and Haj pilgrimages by Muslim devotees employed in the public service;
 - (ii) when the relevant individual is a teacher, whether he is entitled to leave with pay for such pilgrimage;

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- (iii) whether he acknowledges that a simplified application and visa granting mechanism should be formulated for those who travel overseas for the Umara pilgrimage and Haj pilgrimage;
 - (iv) if so, whether an intervention will be made in this connection;
 - (v) the number of days of approved leave for public servants undertaking the above pilgrimage; and
 - (vi) whether this number of dates is sufficient?
- (b) If not, why?

2731/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) bread is sold at various prices in different areas with the price increase of wheat flour ; and
 - (ii) although the fixed weight of a loaf of bread should be of 450g, there is no fixed weight in the bread that is sold at the market by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the owners of the bakeries and the sellers of bread have been made aware by the relevant officials, of the fixed weight and the fixed price of a loaf of bread ; and
 - (ii) of the measures taken, to bring to book the sellers those who sell bread without fixed weight and above the fixed price?
- (c) If not, why ?

3311/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House since September 2010 to date, if any—
- (i) the locations of refugee camps where people are detained after the North-East War; and
 - (ii) the number of persons so detained?
- (b) Will he state since September 2010 to date—
- (i) the number of persons arrested as LTTE suspects;
 - (ii) separately, the number of suspects detained in each camp;
 - (iii) the types of trainings given to them; and
 - (iv) the measures taken for their future well-being?
- (c) If not, why?
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Monday, October 27, 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;

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- (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?
- (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?

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?

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(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?

4673/'13

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the 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?

5192/'14

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the extent of the progress of discussions that took place recently regarding the issues concerning Sri Lankan and Indian fishermen;
- (ii) the nature of the intervention of the government with regard to the aforesaid issues;
- (iii) the number of Sri Lankan fishermen that are held captive in Andhra Pradesh, India at present; and
- (iv) the nature of the intervention of the government in order to get them released from captivity?

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(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) if the fuel subsidy given to the fishermen has been stopped, whether an alternate package has been introduced to them;
- (ii) if so, what that package is; and
- (iii) of the difference between the package and the fuel subsidy system?

(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?

(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 ?

Tuesday, October 28, 2014
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2581/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(4)

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

3243/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(3)

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

3688/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,—(5)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) only one State Drama Festival was held for the years 2011 and 2012; and
 - (ii) the reason for holding the aforesaid drama festival once in every two years as mentioned above although it is due to be held once a year, is the shortage of funds?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of money that was allocated for the State Drama Festival that was held as mentioned above; and
- (ii) separately, the manner in which the said money was spent?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of money allocated for the staging of “Maha Samayama” show at the Nelum Pokuna Mahinda Rajapaksa Theatre under the state patronage;
- (ii) of the funding source for that; and
- (iii) separately, the manner in which the said money was spent for each activity in the aforesaid show?

(d) If not, why?

3919/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that some businessmen use various chemicals to make fruits like mangoes, bananas and papaw last longer and ripen quickly;
- (ii) of the scientific names and the trade names of the chemicals used in that manner; and
- (iii) of the substances that are harmful to the human body out of those chemicals?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the measures taken to nab the businessmen who use chemicals harmful to the human body to make fruits ripen and last longer;
- (ii) the number of such businessmen nabbed in the years 2011 and 2012; and
- (iii) the number that has been punished out of them?

(c) If not, why?

4164/'13

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—(4)

- (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?

4294/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name of the institution that imported the Saline DEXTRAN 40 which was given to the Dengue patients in the government hospitals;
 - (ii) whether the quality of the aforesaid saline has been checked;
 - (iii) of the number of Dengue patients who were provided with the aforesaid Saline during the period from January to August 2013; and
 - (iv) whether any complaints or allegations on this particular Saline have been received?
- (b) If not, why?

4558/'13

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

- (a) Is he aware that a housing loan programme styled “Rataviruwo Naya Wedasatahana” (Emigrant Worker Heroes Loan Programme) for low-income earner emigrant workers who do not have a house of their own?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the loan programme referred to above was implemented;
 - (ii) the banks through which the loans are facilitated;
 - (iii) the number of branches belonging to each such bank, which are operating within this country; and
 - (iv) the expenditure borne for enlightening officers on this loan project and for other administrative activities carried out in this regard?
- (c) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the conditions and qualifications necessary to be eligible for a loan under this scheme;
 - (ii) the maximum loan amount given to a person;
 - (iii) the rate of interest charged for the loan; and
 - (iv) the number of applicants who have applied for the loan and the number of those who have been granted the loan?
- (d) If not, why?

4735/'14

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Teachers' Training Colleges in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) out of them, the number of Teachers' Training Colleges that are functional at the moment; and
 - (iii) the names of them?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the number of teacher trainees that undergo training in the Teacher Training College, Maharagama at present;
- (ii) whether the said teacher training college has been allocated exclusively for English teacher training;
- (iii) if not, whether in the aforesaid Teacher Training College training is provided for other subjects as well; and
- (iv) if so, the names of those subjects?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether residential training facilities are available for the trainees in the Teacher Training College Maharagama;
- (ii) if so, of the number of trainees who are provided with the aforesaid facility;
- (iii) whether the buildings of the aforesaid Teacher Training College have been renovated recently;
- (iv) if so, of that date; and
- (v) of the amount of money spent on those renovation activities?

(d) If not, why?

4743/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(3)

(a) Will she inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of loans that has been provided to the Ceylon Electricity Board by the Treasury by now;
- (ii) whether the Ceylon Electricity Board has obtained loans from Commercial Banks;
- (iii) if so, that amount of money; and
- (iv) whether measures will be taken to run Ceylon Electricity Board in a state in which there is neither profit nor loss?

(b) If not, why?

4945/'14

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a teak cultivation of over 50-60 years old at the Baduluwela forest reserve in the Madulla Divisional Secretariat of the Monaragala District, which belonged to then existed River Valleys Development Board;
 - (ii) a certain person has prepared forged documents and enjoying the said land as a private freehold land; and
 - (iii) a few individuals are destroying the said state owned teak cultivation?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether prompt action will be taken to protect the teak cultivation in the Baduluwela Forest Reserve which remained safe for many years from encroachers?
- (c) If not, why?

4960/'14

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a programme has been implemented by the Provincial Ministry of Fisheries of the Northwestern Province to distribute fishing boats among fishermen;
 - (ii) the basis on which fishermen are selected for distributing those fishing boats; and
 - (iii) the value of the subsidy given to fishermen for each type of fishing boat?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) separately, the types of fishing boats thus distributed and the price of a boat of each type; and
 - (ii) separately, the cost of production of fishing boat of each type?

(24)

- (c) Will he inform this House separately of the number of fishing boats that have been distributed annually by the Northwestern Provincial Council from the year 2010 to date on per Divisional Secretariat basis?
- (d) If not, why?

4962/'14

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he state separately on per crop basis the number of farmers who were given the fertilizer subsidy during the last year?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that an additional sum of Rs. 150/- is charged as an insurance coverage since last year per bag of fertilizer which was given at Rs. 350/- under the fertilizer subsidy scheme;
 - (ii) if so, of the basis of that insurance coverage which was started with the additional sum of Rs. 150/- that is charged per bag of fertilizer given under the fertilizer subsidy scheme;
 - (iii) of the total amount of money that has been charged from the farmers during the period from the date on which the aforesaid insurance coverage was commenced to date; and
 - (iv) of the conditions that have to be fulfilled by the farmers in order to claim benefits of that insurance coverage?
- (c) If not, why?

5084/'14

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) drinking water facilities are not available for the occupants of the Uilankulam “50 houses” housing scheme of Thunukkai, Mulativu; and
 - (ii) the occupants of the aforesaid housing scheme go through various inconveniences, in getting drinking water supplied?

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(b) Will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken to address the drinking water issue of the occupants of the aforesaid scheme?

(c) If not, why?

5196/'14

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

(a) Will she state—

- (i) the number of coal power plants that are in operation in Sri Lanka at present;
- (ii) the names of those power plants;
- (iii) the number of new coal power plants that have been proposed to be built;
- (iv) the locations in which the aforesaid power plants will be established;
- (v) the methodology that will be adopted to acquire land that is required for the aforesaid construction activities;
- (vi) the number of units of electricity that is generated by the Norochcholai coal power plant at present; and
- (vii) the aforesaid amount as a percentage of the total energy requirement of Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

5226/'14

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

(a) Is he aware that a stock of expired pharmaceuticals with a value of over Rs. 500 million which had been prepared to be released to the market was raided by the Consumer Affairs Authority on 27.05.2014 in Aththidiya area in Ratmalana?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the name of the pharmaceuticals company to which the stores where the aforesaid stock of expired pharmaceuticals had been stored belongs to;
- (ii) of the registration number and the year of registration of the aforesaid company; and
- (iii) of the names of the pharmaceuticals which were included in the aforesaid stock?

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(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether a certain part of the aforesaid expired stock of pharmaceuticals had been released to the market by 27.05.2014;
- (ii) if so, the steps that were taken in that regard; and
- (iii) of the action taken against the pharmaceuticals company mentioned above?

(d) If not, why?

Wednesday, October 29, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2652/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(5)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether Information Technology Centres have been established in 25 major cities as mentioned in 'Mahinda Chinthana - Vision for the Future'; and
- (ii) if so, separately, the number of the aforesaid Information Technology Centres that have been established in each of the major cities?

(b) If not, why?

3276/'12

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

- (a) Will he state pertaining to the loans and grants given to Sri Lanka by the World Bank in the years 2011, 2012 and 2013—
 - (i) the values ;
 - (ii) the period of the loans;
 - (iii) the average interest cost; and
 - (iv) the contracts or projects that the loans and grants were given for?
- (b) If not, why?

3689/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the total number of Sri Lankans who left the country for employment within the year 2012;
 - (ii) their number in each category when classified as skilled, unskilled, semi-skilled middle level, clerical, airhostess and other;
 - (iii) the number of women so migrated; and
 - (iv) the women in each of the categories referred to in (ii) above as a percentage of the total number of women who migrated during the year concerned, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

3959/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the name and address of the institution to which the management of garbage and waste disposed at Gohagoga area has been assigned by the Municipal Council of Kandy;
 - (ii) the names and the addresses of its owner and the members of the Board of Directors, separately;
 - (iii) whether the owner of that institution holds a post in another institution;
 - (iv) whether the institution mentioned in (i) above is registered under the Registration of Companies Act or under any other institution; and
 - (v) if so, the name of the aforesaid institution or the names of the aforesaid institutions along with the registration number?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a copy of the lease agreement made between the aforesaid institution and the Municipal Council of Kandy will be tabled;
 - (ii) the conditions incorporated in that lease agreement;
 - (iii) the conditions which have been fulfilled and the conditions which have been contravened as per the agreement; and
 - (iv) if conditions have been contravened, the action taken against it?
- (c) If not, why?

4179/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether herds of cattle have been released to Lunugamvehera, Maduruoya and Udawalawa forest reserves;
 - (ii) of the method that has been used to release cattle to those forest reserves; and
 - (iii) whether wild life officers are aware of the release of cattle to the forest reserves?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the electric fence has been destroyed enabling the cattle to enter into the forest reserve as mentioned above; and
 - (ii) whether any complaints have been received with regard to such actions?
- (c) If not, why?

4635/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent in the years 2011,2012. and 2013 to import agricultural seeds, separately;
 - (ii) the varieties of hybrid seeds which are imported from foreign countries;
 - (iii) whether such varieties of seeds can be produced locally; and
 - (iv) if so, the steps that have been taken to produce such varieties of seeds?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the varieties of hybrid seeds that are produced in the country at present;
 - (ii) the quantity of the local need that can be fulfilled by the production of each such variety of seeds at present; and
 - (iii) the period of time that will be taken to fulfill the total local demand for varieties of hybrid seeds?
- (c) If not , why?

4736/'14

Hon.(Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of students studying in the Lahugala Maha Vidyalaya in Lahugala in the Ampara District;
 - (ii) the number of classes held in it; and
 - (iii) the number of staff including the principal?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the primary school which is available to provide education for the small children of the Lahugala village;
 - (ii) of the issue that emerged in relation to the said school recently;
 - (iii) whether a primary school has been started for this village with the approval of the Eastern Provincial Council; and
 - (iv) of the current situation of that school?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether he admits that it is the responsibility of the central government to provide the students of that school with the facility to study without any hindrance, even though the above school are administered by the Provincial Councils; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures that will be taken to resolve the issues prevailing in those schools?
- (d) If not, why?

4744/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(3)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of houses that do not have electricity in the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to supply electricity to the venues where supply should be given by extensions;
 - (iii) whether actions will be taken to boost the voltage of the towns where there is a drop; and
 - (iv) if so, of the date, it would be done?
- (b) If not, why?

5032/'14

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the population of buffalos available in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) of the five districts with the highest buffalo population in the descending order;
 - (iii) the number of buffalos reared by the government farms;
 - (iv) of the names of breeds of buffalos that are reared in Sri Lanka;
 - (v) of the annual production of buffalo milk in liters; and
 - (vi) whether milk extracted from buffalos and cattle differ from each other in their nutritional value?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a methodology is available to utilize the buffalos towards the local dairy production efficiently;
 - (ii) if so, of the programmes that have been implemented under that; and
 - (iii) of the funds that have been spent in the year 2013 for projects related to buffalos?
- (c) If not, why?

2732/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(2)

- (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 ?

3313/'12

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) the number of hotel rooms in Sri Lanka in star class basis as at today;
- (ii) the number of room nights per year;
- (iii) the number of transit arrivals for the last 3 years on per year basis; and
- (iv) the average amount spent in Sri Lanka by a foreigner?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) all the taxes imposed on tourist arrivals; and
- (ii) the amount earned by each tax separately for last 3 years on per year basis?

(c) If not, why ?

3940/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the number of liquor outlets maintained in 500m proximity to the Temple of the Tooth Relic in Kandy;
- (ii) the individuals who have granted permission for those liquor outlets;
- (iii) the minimum distance required from schools and sacred places including temples to the liquor outlet, in granting a licence for a liquor outlet;
- (iv) other restrictions considered in granting such a licence;
- (v) whether the said liquor outlets located in close proximity to the Temple of the Tooth Relic are illegal in the light of the restrictions mentioned in (iii) and (iv) above; and
- (vi) accordingly, the measures that will be taken with respect to those liquor outlets?

(b) If not, why?

3963/'13

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware that the substances oozing from the place at Gohagoda which is used by the Municipal Council of Kandy for dispose of its garbage are added to the Mahaweli river;
- (ii) the measurements in regard to physical and chemical factors such as P.H. value, electric conductivity, transparency, temperature, oil and grease, bio oxygen demand and chemical oxygen demand of the substances leaching from the aforesaid place, separately; and
- (iii) the composition of the heavy metals of Chromium, Cadmium, Lead, and Mercury and the components of Phosphate and Nitrate contained in the substances leaching from the aforesaid place?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether he admits that it is a harmful situation that the heavy metals continuously leaching from the heap of garbage at Gohagoda to the Mahaweli river are added to the under ground water system; and

(ii) if so, the measures taken to prevent the aforesaid situation?

(c) If not, why?

4418/'13

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

(a) Will he state—

(i) whether the competitive examination to recruit Grade I Nursing Lecturers has been conducted in the year 2013;

(ii) if so, the date on which it was held;

(iii) the minimum qualifications required to apply for the said examination;

(iv) the number of applicants who applied for the said examination; and

(v) of them, the number of candidates permitted to sit the examination?

(b) If not, why?

4766/'14

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

(a) Will he inform this House in respect of the Kurunegala District—

(i) the number of centres established to purchase paddy;

(ii) the number of storage facilities available for storing paddy;

(iii) of the paddy harvest, the percentage of the amount of paddy purchased by the government; and

(iv) whether a system will be drawn up for converting paddy into rice and distributing in the District itself?

(b) If not, why?

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2692/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the year in which Jaffna University was established;
 - (ii) of the physical and human resource shortages that exist in this University at present;
 - (iii) separately of the financial allocations made for this University annually from 2006 to 2012; and
 - (iv) of the number of undergraduates studying at that University at present ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a development plan has been prepared for future advancement of Jaffna University; and
 - (ii) if so, the total estimated amount required for its implementation;
 - (iii) the time frame required to provide the said amount and implement the aforesaid development plan ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3319/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House the 'Real Purchasing Power' of government servants as of today, comparing the monthly salary received 5 years ago with the inflation rate of each year?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the value of the Cost of Living Allowance of government servants;
 - (ii) whether it is paid monthly;
 - (iii) the last date or month it was paid; and
 - (iv) the reasons, if the Cost of Living Allowance is not paid?
- (c) If not, why?

4085/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of National Languages and Social Integration,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a Director was appointed a few months ago to the National Institute of Language Education and Training (NILET) run in Galewatta area of Agalawatta Divisional Secretariat Division belonging to the Kalutara District;
 - (ii) whether applications were called for this position;
 - (iii) if so, of the date on which applications were called;
 - (iv) of the total number of applications received; and
 - (v) of the number of individuals called for the interview out of all the applicants who sent in applications?
- (b) Will he table the name, address, age, educational and other special qualifications of each of the applicants who have been called for the interview?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that persons who possess higher qualifications than those of the current Director participated in the interview for recruiting for the aforesaid position;
 - (ii) the reasons for appointing a person with less qualifications when there were others who possessed higher qualifications?
- (d) If not, why?

4420/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a problematic situation arose in respect of the Political Science question paper at the Advanced Level Examination in 2013;
 - (ii) who were the staff who drafted the question paper concerned; and
 - (iii) who is responsible for the accuracy of the question papers of the Advanced Level examination in terms of grammar and style?
- (b) If not, why?

4465/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the net loss of Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Limited in the year 2010/2011;
 - (ii) whether an opinion has been expressed on the existence of Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Limited by Price Waterhouse Coopers, chartered accountants firm which conducted the audit of the said year;
 - (iii) if so, whether it has been mentioned in the opinion that “The company had incurred a net loss of Rs. 940.49 million for the year and the company’s current liabilities exceeded its current assets by Rs. 1,083.92 million reflecting a negative net value of Rs. 3,814.45 million which indicated the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt about the ability of the company to continue as a going concern,”;
 - (iv) under these circumstances, whether the government admits that it is no longer productive to channel public funds for the maintenance of Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Limited?
- (b) If not, why?

4674/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the total value of the varieties of pharmaceuticals that have been manufactured by the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation during the last three years; and
 - (ii) whether the pharmaceuticals manufactured by the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation are issued to the private sector hospitals?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the varieties of pharmaceuticals manufactured by the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation are sufficient to fulfill the local need;
 - (ii) if not, of the obstacles that prevent such a manufacturing; and
 - (iii) whether the varieties of pharmaceuticals (with the required dose) manufactured by the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation are imported as well?

(c) Will he further inform this House—

- (i) whether the quality of pharmaceuticals that are imported to Sri Lanka by the foreign companies is tested;
- (ii) whether the pharmaceuticals are ordered subsequent to a quality assessment test; and
- (iii) whether the inspection of the standard certificates of the foreign pharmaceuticals companies is further carried out?

(d) If not, why?

4769/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Sub Post Masters employed on permanent basis in the Kurunegala District;
- (ii) whether the privileges enjoyed by the public servants will be granted to the Sub Post Masters too; and
- (iii) whether action will be taken to grant an extra allowance to the Sub Post Masters for the duty they carry out on Saturdays?

(b) If not, why?

4975/'14

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

(a) Will he table separately the number of Grama Niladhari divisions in each of the Districts in Sri Lanka?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Grama Niladharis in service at present;
- (ii) of the number of Grama Niladhari vacancies available at present;
- (iii) of the action taken by the government to fill the aforesaid vacancies;
- (iv) of the date on which an examination was held last to recruit Grama Niladharis; and
- (v) of the number of Grama Niladharis who were appointed based on the results of the aforesaid examination?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the duties executed by a Grama Niladhari in his/her Division;
- (ii) of the methods adopted to monitor the duties executed by Grama Niladharis in addition to the duties coming under the Public administration?

(d) If not, why?

4976/'14

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the quantity of gold that was taken into custody in the operations carried out by the army during the period from 01.01.2005 to 31.12.2009;
- (ii) the names of the persons or the institutes who have the custody of the said quantity of gold; and
- (iii) the weight of the quantity of gold with each of such persons or institutions separately?

(b) If not, why?

5033/'14

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, — To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether it is a compulsory requirement to obtain the permission and registration from the Ministry of Health to conduct private medical laboratories in Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) if so, the number of private medical laboratories that have been registered by now?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether activities of the private medical laboratories are being monitored by the officers of the Ministry of Health;
- (ii) of the steps that have been taken in view of assuring the opportunity of the patients to obtain accurate medical testing report from such institutions;

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- (iii) of the action taken in relation to institutions which fail to provide accurate medical reports; and
- (iv) whether any institution is available for the public to file complaints against laboratories that commit irregularities when issuing medical reports?

(c) If not, why?

2694/'12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately in relation to each field of specialization, the shortage of specialist doctors prevalent in the health sector of Sri Lanka at present;
- (ii) the measures that will be taken to address this shortage of specialized doctors;
- (iii) the time taken to implement those measures; and
- (iv) the targets expected to be achieved annually with regard to addressing the shortage of specialist doctors through those measures?

(b) If not, why?

3323/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he state from 2010 to date on per year basis;

- (i) the consumption of beer and hard liquor separately;
- (ii) the quantity of beer and hard liquor produced in Sri Lanka;
- (iii) the quantity of beer and hard liquor imported to Sri Lanka; and
- (iv) the revenue earned by the Government as all forms of taxes imposed on imports and local production of beer and hard liquor?

(b) Will he also state the estimated amount of illicit brewing taken place on per year basis for the last 3 years?

(c) If not, why?

4088/'13

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

- (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?
- (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?

4421/'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 areas named Udawalawa and Walawa are governed under the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of families living in the Udawalawa and Walawa areas;
 - (iii) whether a tax levying scheme is in operation in respect of the constructions and the lands located within the Udawalawa-Walawa area, which had been under the “River Valleys Development Board”; and
 - (iv) what course of action will be followed in respect of the occupants who do not have title deeds out of those living within the Udawalawa and Walawa areas?
- (b) If not, why?

4573/'13

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

- (a) Will he state the amount of liquid milk that is required to meet the annual requirement of milk and milk products in Sri Lanka?
 - (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the amount of money that is charged per kilogram of imported milk powder; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid amount as percentage of the price at which the imported milk powder is sold in the local market?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, October 31, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2735/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Traditional Industries and Small Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the metal factory in Kekirawa, Kottalbadda, which was set up under the programme to develop rural industries and production has been closed down at present?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of families who made their livelihood from that metal factory ;
 - (ii) the reasons for the closure of the aforesaid factory ; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to re-open the aforesaid factory by properly addressing those issues?
- (c) If not, why ?

3324/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the total number of passenger cars, vans, lorries, trishaws and motor bikes registered in the country in the years of 2010, 2011 and 2012 separately?
- (b) Will he state the number of vehicles existing in each of the aforesaid types under the following categories based on the date of registration—
 - (i) less than 2 years old;
 - (ii) 2 to 5 years old;
 - (iii) 5 to 10 years old;
 - (iv) 10 to 20 years old; and
 - (v) over 20 years old?
- (c) Will he also state the amount of money earned by the Government or the Provincial Council through issuing vehicle revenue licenses for the years referred to in part (a)?
- (d) If not, why?

4087/'13

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

- (a) Will he state whether an office has been established for the project of networking Post Offices?
- (b) Will he table—
 - (i) if so, will he table the names, addresses, designations and educational and other qualifications of the members of staff working in that office; and
 - (ii) separately the allowances that have been paid to the staff working at that office since its inception?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name of the institution that has been assigned with consultancy duties of the project of networking Post Offices;
 - (ii) of the sum of money spent for purchasing computer hardware required for the aforesaid project up to now;
 - (iii) of the name of the institution that has been assigned with the duty of developing software of the aforesaid project; and
 - (iv) of total amount of money that has been paid to the aforesaid institution for developing software up to now?
- (d) If not, why?

4422/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how many palm oil production companies are located within the Muthurajawela Reserve;
 - (ii) whether he will submit to this House the environmental reports of the factories functioning under these companies;
 - (iii) where the waste of these factories are dumped; and
 - (iv) whether objections have been filed in respect of these companies?
- (b) If not, why?

4467/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Sri Lankan embassy in the United States had dealings with the company named Patton Boggs in the years 2010,2011 and 2012;
 - (ii) if so, the period during which such transactions have taken place;
 - (iii) the task or tasks accomplished through such transactions;
 - (iv) the benefits derived from them;
 - (v) the value of the payments made for the said transactions;
 - (vi) the expenditure head under which funds were allocated for this purpose; and
 - (vii) if agreements have been entered into with that company whether such agreements will be tabled?
- (b) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of HIV infected persons receiving treatment at the government hospitals;
 - (ii) a District wise breakdown of this number separately; and
 - (iii) whether there is a programme to protect the identity of HIV infected persons receiving treatment at government hospitals?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that HIV infected persons do not seek treatment due to social problems;
 - (ii) whether there is a programme to identify such persons and offer treatment;
 - (iii) if so, what that programme is; and
 - (iv) whether there are places to have the relevant tests conducted so as to protect the privacy of HIV infected persons?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether HIV infected persons are treated at private hospitals in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, whether the facilities available at such hospitals for curtailing the spread of the HIV infection are inspected by the Department of Health; and
 - (iii) the measures taken by the government to prevent HIV being contracted from foreign tourists?
- (d) If not, why?

4772/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a combined timetable is to implemented for the buses of the Sri Lanka Transport Board and private buses;
 - (ii) whether Sri Lanka Transport Board will be faced with a loss due to the aforesaid combined timetable as the number of buses owned by the Sri Lanka Transport Board is lesser than the number of private buses; and
 - (iii) if so, whether any action will be taken to prevent the aforesaid loss that will be caused to the SLTB?
- (b) If not, why?

4943/'14

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

- (a) Will he table in this House—
 - (i) the state and non state banks and financial institutions which have provided loans to state institutions;
 - (ii) the state institutions which have obtained loans from the year 2013 up to now in the year 2014;
- (b) Will he also table a list which includes the name of each institution that has obtained loans as mentioned above, (Ministry, Department, State, Corporation and other institutions) the name of the lending institution (bank/financial institution) the amount of the loan obtained and the reason or the requirement of obtaining loans?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the interest rate charged when providing loans to public institutions as mentioned above;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid interest rate is changed based on the reason of obtaining loans; and
 - (iii) if so, the aforesaid changes?
- (d) If not, why?

5070/'14

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

- (a) Will he admit that there is a requirement to establish a new railway service by expanding the present railway network covering the urban areas in view of minimizing the traffic congestion in the Colombo city?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any related surveys or researches have been conducted by the government or institutions affiliated to the government by now; and
 - (ii) if so, of the recommendations made by the aforesaid surveys and researches?
- (c) If not, why?

5085/'14

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) approximately, 200 people are engaged in fisheries industry out of 147 families, that reside in Annai Welankanni village of Nachchikuda, Killinochchi;
 - (ii) aforesaid village does not own a fisheries ferry; and
 - (iii) the people experience hardships due to the absence of a fisheries ferry?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether immediate measures will be taken to set up a fisheries ferry for the benefit of the fishing community of aforesaid village?
- (c) If not, why?

2737/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the total amount of credit granted by People's Bank, from 2005 to date ;
 - (ii) the amount of credit that stands dormant out of the said loans, separately with respect to each year ;
 - (iii) the measures taken up to now to recover those loans ; and
 - (iv) the measures that will be taken in that regard, in case such loans cannot still be recovered?
- (b) If not, why ?

3325/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the benefits proposed by the budget speeches for 2012 and 2013 to the journalists;
 - (ii) of them, the benefits given to the journalists in 2012 and 2013; and
 - (iii) the total value of the aforesaid benefits?
- (b) Will he also state the names of the journalists to whom the car loans were given along with the name of the media institution he/she represents?
- (c) If not, why ?

4089/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware—
 - (i) that a large number of fishermen from the Kapparithota area in the Weligama Elctorate engage in fishing using multi-day and one-day vessels; and
 - (ii) that the fishermen are faced with a number of difficulties as there is no fisheries harbour or anchorage in that area?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether necessary steps will be taken to overcome the aforesaid difficult situation faced by the fishermen of Kapparithota due to unavailability of a fisheries harbour or anchorage; and
 - (ii) of the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

4577/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total length of the railway track from Medawachchiya to Thalaimannar;
 - (ii) of the total cost of construction of the aforesaid railway track;
 - (iii) accordingly, of the approximate construction cost of a kilometer of the aforesaid railway track;
- (b) If not, why?

4676/'13

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

- (a) Will he table —
 - (i) the number of registered companies from which drugs are purchased for government hospitals;
 - (ii) the number of foreign and local companies out of the number registered, separately; and
 - (iii) the names of the local agents of the foreign companies registered?
 - (b) Will he also table—
 - (i) the countries from which drugs are purchased for government hospitals;
 - (ii) the names of those countries in the order of the amounts of drugs purchased; and
 - (iii) the names of the countries that produce sub standard drugs, out of the said countries?
 - (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of types of drugs withdrawn due to lack of proper standard out of the drugs supplied to government hospitals, separately in each year within the last three years;
 - (ii) whether a sample test is carried out at government laboratories and a report is obtained prior to the ordering of drugs; and
 - (iii) of the number and names of the companies blacklisted for importing sub standard drugs within the last two years?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Saturday, November 01, 2014
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2738/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the total amount of credit granted by Bank of Ceylon, from 2005 to date ;
 - (ii) the amount of credit that stands dormant out of the said loans, separately with respect to each year ;
 - (iii) the measures taken up to now to recover those loans ; and
 - (iv) the measures that will be taken in that regard, in case such loans cannot still be recovered?
- (b) If not, why ?

3400/'13

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

- (a) Will he state as to when the concept of night motor racing was evolved in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also state pertaining to the Colombo night races held in year 2011 and 2012 separately—
 - (i) the central organising party;
 - (ii) the dates of the races held;
 - (iii) the total cost per race;
 - (iv) the benefits accrued to the general public;
 - (v) the revenue generated and foreign exchange earned;
 - (vi) the amount of money given to the Colombo Municipal Council by the government;
 - (vii) whether any inconvenience caused to the general public;
 - (viii) whether any accidents or casualties have been reported; and
 - (ix) if so, the nature of casualties affected and the form of compensation paid to them

(c) Will he further state—

- (i) whether night races will be held in the future as well; and
- (ii) if it is a priority of the country, will it not be possible to utilize the money spent on night races for other development activities?

(d) If not, why?

4090/'13

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware that a mid day meal is provided to students of selected government schools in the Southern Province;
- (ii) the criteria adopted for selecting schools for providing the mid day meal; and
- (iii) the manner in which the menu of the aforesaid mid day meal has been prepared?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that the suppliers of the mid day meal are facing severe financial difficulties as they had not been paid in the past few months;
- (ii) of the reasons for not paying the aforesaid money; and
- (iii) whether action will be taken to make immediate payments to the suppliers of mid day meal?

(c) If not, why?

5086/'14

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) approximately, 300 families reside in Paleyakamam, Murassumottai, Settrakkandi-first stage and Ayyenkoviladi areas of Murassumottai Grama Seva division in Kandawalai Divisional Secretariat Division of Killinochchi; and
- (ii) aforesaid area has been neglected without carrying out any development work even if four years have been elapsed since the resettlement of aforesaid people?

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(b) Will he state—

- (i) renovate the wooden bridge that is found on the access road to Ayyenkoviladi village since it is in a precarious condition; and
- (ii) to supply electricity to the village for which electricity has not been supplied up till now?

(c) If not, why?

5097/'14

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, — To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of minor irrigation works were developed in the North-Western Province parallel to the Deyata Kirula 2014 Exhibition;
- (ii) whether there are newly-commenced irrigation projects parallel to the Exhibition; and
- (iii) the amounts that were spent for each such project?

(b) If not, why?

5147/'14

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of students studying in the national universities as of now;
- (ii) of them, the number provided with hostel facilities;
- (iii) whether he is aware that a pledge has been given in 'Mahinda Chintana' and Mahinda Chinthana—Vision for the Future of the year 2010 to provide hostel facilities to every undergraduate;
- (iv) the programme carried out during the period from the year 2006 to 2013 to make that pledge a reality; and
- (v) whether he is aware that this programme has not been adequate to reach the goal providing hostel facilities to every undergraduate?

(b) Will he also inform this House whether attention will be paid on paying a monthly allowance of Rs. Two Thousand (Rs. 2000/-) to undergraduates who have not been provided with hostel facilities as per the pledges mentioned in (a) (iii) above until such facilities are made available to them?

(c) If not, why?

5170/'14

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the regulations in the Gazette Notification No. 1770/15 issued as per the provisions of the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act No. 27 of 2006 are not yet implemented;
 - (ii) the reason for not implementing the aforesaid regulations; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to authorize the provisions in the said Gazette Notification as an amendment to the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act No. 27 of 2006, through an Act of Parliament?
- (b) If not, why?

5181/'14

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, — To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately in relation to the period from year 2009 to 2014—
 - (i) the amount of money that was spent annually by the entities coming under the Ministry of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities on sponsorship advertisements, congratulatory cutouts and hoardings;
 - (ii) the amount of money that was spent annually on hoardings that were displayed with a view to achieving the objectives of the aforesaid entities; and
 - (iii) the amount of money that was spent annually on hoardings that were displayed with a view to achieving objectives that fall outside the ambit of the objectives of the aforesaid entities?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the facts to which publicity was given through the hoardings that were displayed for achieving the objectives that fall outside the ambit of the objectives of the aforesaid entities;
 - (ii) of the names of persons who gave approval for the display of such hoardings;
 - (iii) of the manner in which the expenses incurred on them were reimbursed; and
 - (iv) whether documents pertaining to the expenses incurred on the same will be presented to this House?
- (c) If not, why?

5193/14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Embilipitiya Paper Mill is a government owned entity at present;
 - (ii) if it is partially owned by the government, of the percentage of shares owned by the government;
 - (iii) if the aforesaid paper mill has been privatized by now through a foreign investment, the manner in which financial provisions for the same were sourced by the aforesaid investors;
 - (iv) of the name of that investor; and
 - (v) whether he is aware that the money that was sourced for the aforesaid investment has been settled by the investor through a loan that was obtained from a local bank?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) if there is a company which invested money in the aforesaid paper mill, whether any money is still due to be paid to the government by that company; and
 - (ii) if so, that amount due?
- (c) If not, why?

5271/14

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

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. Ahamadu Lebbe Aziz (Sri Lanka Passport No. N0628701), the husband of Mrs. M.L.Fathima Rizana residing at No. 4C/12, Danagama Road, Mahawatta, Mawanella died on 09.07.2012 in the city of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reason for not granting the insurance compensation despite the submission of insurance claim application under No.00884/2013 of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment together with the relevant documents and affidavits on behalf of the deceased;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to pay the said compensation to the wife of Mr. Aziz without delay?
- (c) If not, why?

5417/'14

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the total extent of land of the Muthurajawela sanctuary;
 - (ii) the number of endemic animal species in that sanctuary;
 - (iii) the number of endemic animal species out of the aforesaid number of species;
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka has made a request to get 150 acres of land from the area that belonged to the Muthurajawela sanctuary;
 - (ii) whether there is a decision to transfer the aforesaid 150 acres to a certain institution;
 - (iii) the project that is scheduled to be implemented by this institution;
 - (iv) the damage caused to the environment by this project;
 - (v) the solutions given with regard to the problems caused due to the aforesaid damage caused to the environment;
- (c) If not, why?

2739/'12

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

- (a) Will he state separately, with respect to each year, the amount of loans written off as bad debt out of the loans granted by Bank of Ceylon from the year 2005 to date?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the amount of loans written off as bad debt during the said period, as a percentage of the total amount of loans?
- (c) If not, why?

3438/'13

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) all the direct and indirect taxes in operation as of today; and
 - (ii) the rupee value of the impact of the tax using rates as of today?

- (b) Will he state separately –
 - (i) the figures of all taxes imposed on rice, sugar, dhal, milk powder, wheat flour, petrol, diesel and kerosene oil, canned fish, onions, electricity and bank loan as of today; and
 - (ii) a comparison of those figures as at 2nd April 2004, 1st December 2005 and 2009 and 1st January 2013?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the resource value of the impact of the tax using rates as at today?
- (d) If not, why?

4282/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Mrs. H.M. Premawathie has closed down an approximately 100-year-old public well that had been in existence on Lot No. 891 belonging to her located in the hamlet called Mahahena within the Nivithiwellbokka Grama Niladhari division in the Weligama Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) It has not been possible to settle the dispute caused by this closure because of the false information provided by the Grama Niladhari of the Nivithiwellbokka;
 - (iii) a group of residents of the area led by Mrs. U.G. Anoma Kanthi has made a written request to the District Secretary, Matara in June 2011 requesting him to intervene with regard to the closing down of the well;
 - (iv) the Commissioner of Lands in the Southern Province has, by his letter ඉ.කො.මා/වැපි/පොදු - 2011, called a report with observations and recommendations of the Divisional Secretary of Welipitiya in this regard; and
 - (v) a site inspection has been conducted on 13.09.2011 calling the parties to the dispute?
- (b) Will he inform the House of the outcome of the above-mentioned inspection?
- (c) Will he also inform the House
 - (i) whether action will be taken to acquire the land on which the well concerned is located so that it can be put to common use; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which this will be achieved?
- (d) If not, why?

5098/'14

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that sesame (gingelly) farmers are faced up with various difficulties in processing the sesame harvest;
- (ii) of the volume of sesame production in the country during that period and its value;
- (iii) of the amount of sesame that was exported during that period and its value;
- (iv) whether steps have been taken to produce sesame seeds locally for enhancing the sesame yield; and
- (v) whether methodologies have been identified for using the technology in order to process sesame harvest?

(b) If not, why?

Friday, December 12, 2014

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.
