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**Tuesday, January 20, 2015**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

5702/'14

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether it is correct that Ms. Kshenuka Seneviratne, the present Secretary to the Ministry of External Affairs was initially recruited as an ancillary employee to the Foreign Ministry, to work for the then Foreign Minister Mr. A.C.S. Hameed;
- (ii) the basis on which Ms. Seneviratne was subsequently recruited to the Foreign Service of Sri Lanka; and
- (iii) whether an exception was made in her case in relation to the academic and other requirements needed for recruitment on a regular basis?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an assurance can be given that the embarrassing incidents of the sort that occurred in New York recently will be avoided in future; and
- (ii) whether there is a strategy to minimize the damage being inflicted on Sri Lanka by internal disputes and violence initiated by authorities in the Ministry of External Affairs?

(c) If not, why?

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1882/17 of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014, which was presented on 12.12.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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**Thursday, January 22, 2015**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4405/'13

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

- (a) Will he state the domestic coconut consumption during the period from January to October in the year 2013?
- (b) Will he table—
  - (i) the quantity of coconuts that was exported and imported during the aforesaid period of time, separately;
  - (ii) the export oriented coconut based products manufactured in Sri Lanka; and
  - (iii) the quantity of each of those products exports each year, separately?
- (c) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether coconut water was exported during the period of time mentioned in (a);
  - (ii) if so, whether the aforesaid coconut water was exported in the form of coconut water or as a coconut water based products;
  - (iii) of the countries to which coconut water or coconut water based products were exported;
  - (iv) of the quantity of the aforesaid exports; and
  - (v) of the total income received from the export of coconut water or coconut water based products?

(3)

- (d) Will he also state —
    - (i) the concessions that the government can grant to a person who commences coconut production in Sri Lanka; and
    - (ii) the methodology that should be adopted by a producer to obtain those concessions?
  - (e) If not, why?
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**Friday, January 23, 2015**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

4399/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the extent of land belongs to the Land Reform Commission that is administered by the District Forest Officer's Office in Kandy;
  - (ii) whether he is aware that Pine and other trees have been cultivated by the Department of Forest Conservation in those lands; and
  - (iii) the extent of land in which such trees have been cultivated?
- (b) Is he aware that—
  - (i) certain individuals have illegally encroached those lands in which trees have been cultivated by the Department of Forest Conservation; and
  - (ii) a portion of those lands have been given to the people by the government?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) separately of the extent of land in which people have illegally settled and given to the people by the government, out of the forest lands mentioned in (a) (iii) above;
  - (ii) whether he admits the fact that catchment areas get destroyed owing to the use of forest reserves by the people; and
  - (iii) if so, whether steps will be taken to avoid this from happening?
- (d) If not, why?

(4)

5726/'14

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
    - (i) whether there was a panel appointed to set the Economics question paper for the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination held in August 2014; and
    - (ii) if not, as to who was responsible for setting the said question paper?
  - (b) Will he also inform this House—
    - (i) of the process followed in setting the Economics question paper for the G.C.E (Advanced Level) examination, by the person or persons who are responsible for setting the same;
    - (ii) whether the same process is followed for setting question papers for the other subjects of the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination; and
    - (iii) if not, the basic overview of the process followed to set question papers for the other subjects for the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination?
  - (c) If not, why?
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**Thursday, February 05, 2015**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

2761/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
  - (i) of the amount of money charged from a candidate for an application form of the examination for the recruitment of Postal Services Officers;
  - (ii) of the reasons for assigning the responsibility of conducting the aforesaid examination to Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration rather than the Department of Examination; and
  - (iii) whether steps will be taken to conduct the aforesaid examination soon and recruit suitable persons based on its results?
- (b) If not, why?

5727/'14

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
    - (i) whether a circular No. 11/2013 was issued on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 completely prohibiting the collection of funds from students in national and provincial schools; and
    - (ii) if so, as to why such a circular has still not been implemented?
  - (b) Is he aware, that despite the release of the aforesaid circular in March 2013, there are funds being collected in schools for various purposes?
  - (c) If not, why?
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**Friday, February 06, 2015**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

3559/'13

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether any consultant, advisor or other official of similar category has been appointed to the Ministry or any other institution/office under the Ministry for the years 2012 and 2013;
  - (ii) if so, the names of the said appointees and as from when they have been appointed;
  - (iii) the purpose of their appointments; and
  - (iv) the total cost incurred on them per month?
- (b) Will he also state—
  - (i) whether any appointment as of (a)(i) has been done during the years from 2009 to 2011;
  - (ii) whether they are functioning as of now; and
  - (iii) if so, their professional qualifications or any other criteria considered for appointing?
- (c) If not, why?

(6)

5728/'14

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the typical monthly allowance paid per student under the Mahapola scholarship as at today; and
  - (ii) the number of installments paid per student per year under the Mahapola scholarship?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the monthly living allowance paid per foreign student, under the Presidential Scholarship Program of Government of Sri Lanka for the years 2014 and 2015;
  - (ii) of the number of installments of the monthly allowance paid per year under the said scholarship program to foreign students; and
  - (iii) of the other allowances or payments made to the foreign students under the said scholarship program?
- (c) If not, why?

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#### 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.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.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, ඬ,’ 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.

**Wednesday, February 18, 2015**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

4397/'13

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the monthly allowance paid to a trainee receiving training at Colleges of Education;
- (ii) the date on which the payment of that allowance was commenced; and
- (iii) the amount paid prior to the introduction of the payment of the said allowance?

(33)

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the amount of money paid to a trainee of a College of Education during the period of internship;
  - (ii) of the amount paid prior to the introduction of the payment of the said amount;
  - (iii) whether he admits the fact that the amount paid at present is not sufficient in comparison with the current cost of living;
  - (iv) if so, whether arrangements will be made to increase the salary or allowances paid to them at present; and
  - (v) if so, when?
- (c) If not, why?

5443/14

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

- (a) Will he state whether this House has been informed of the number of Sri Lankans who died while being employed in domestic service, factories and various other jobs, out of those who had gone overseas for employment from the year 2009 to 2013?
- (b) Will he also state the measures taken by the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment regarding those who died under suspicious circumstances while being employed overseas?
- (c) If not, why?

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**Thursday, February 19, 2015**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

2678/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he admit that —
- (i) in paying pension, a person who retires on the 01<sup>st</sup> of the month is paid unreduced pension for the number of days that was spent on retirement of the relevant month, viz., for the entire month and a person who retires on 02<sup>nd</sup> is only paid unreduced pension only from the subsequent month;
  - (ii) this situation is a grave injustice committed to those who retire on a date other than the first of the month; and
  - (iii) nowhere has it been stated in the pensions minutes that the computation of pension should be done on such inequitable system?

(34)

- (b) If so, will he state whether action will be taken to do away with the above injustice with retrospective effect by using the powers vested under section 31 of the pensions minutes or in any other appropriate manner and pay arrears entitled to pensioners accordingly?
- (c) If not, why?

3549/'13

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

- (a) Will he state —
  - (i) the total balance at Samurdhi Banks at the time of the Divineguma Bill was enacted in Parliament on 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2013;
  - (ii) whether the name of the Samurdhi Bank has been changed or a new Bank has been brought into existence; and
  - (iii) the cumulative total at Samurdhi Bank from the date of inception to-date on per year basis as at 1<sup>st</sup> January of each year?
- (b) Will he also state—
  - (i) the interest rates that have been paid to the depositors of Samurdhi Bank who had been forced to put their savings to the said Bank; and
  - (ii) interest paid in total to the capital that have been deposited by them?
- (c) If not, why?

3713/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(5)

- (a) Will he state separately, in each year —
  - (i) the amount of money received by the President's Fund in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012; and
  - (ii) the funding sources of that amount?
- (b) Will he also state separately, in each year —
  - (i) the total amount of money spent by the President's Fund during the last two years; and
  - (ii) the breakdown of that expenditure on each sector?
- (c) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the basis on which people are selected for providing aid for medical treatment from the President Fund;

- (ii) whether aids have been provided from the President's Fund for medical treatment to members of Pradeshiya Sabhas, Provincial Councils and the Members of Parliament during the period of last 03 years; and
- (iii) if so, of their names and the amount of money provided to each person?
- (d) If not, why?

3922/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(4)

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

4425/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
  - (i) whether the operations of the Norochcholai Coal Power Plant had been stopped after August 2013;
  - (ii) what steps were taken to remedy the power generation gap that was created by this stoppage; and
  - (iii) what losses that were caused to the Ceylon Electricity Board due to that stoppage?
- (b) If not, why?

4433/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (5)

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

4505/'13

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
  - (i) the number of tourist hotels that had been reserved for the Heads of State and other guests who participated in the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM);
  - (ii) the total amount of money spent on that;
  - (iii) the number of hotels that provided meals to the guests who participated in that conference; and
  - (iv) the amount of money spent on that?
- (b) If not, why?

4679/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the names, designations and the institutions of the persons selected for the expert Committee appointed by the Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture to solve the Kidney disease issue in the North Central province;
  - (ii) the date on which that committee was appointed;
  - (iii) the number of meetings held by that committee so far;
  - (iv) the date on which the final report of the committee was handed over;
  - (v) the person/persons to whom the said report was handed over by the committee; and
  - (vi) the steps taken to implement the recommendations of that report?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) whether the use of 4 agro-chemicals has been banned by the recommendations of that report;
  - (ii) whether the agro-chemicals so banned are still available for sale in the market;
  - (iii) the pesticides imported to Sri Lanka in 2013;
  - (iv) separately of the quantities of each such pesticide imported;
  - (v) whether the standard of those pesticides was tested;
  - (vi) if so, the laboratory and the place where they were tested;
  - (vii) if no such standard test was conducted the reasons for it?
- (c) If not, why?

4845/'14

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Is she aware that the Secretary to the Ministry of Power and Energy has stated that the Norochcholai thermal power plant is not up to the expected standards?
- (b) Will she inform this House in relation to that power plant —
  - (i) the estimated sum and the sum spent on the first phase;
  - (ii) whether an agreement with a warranty period of time had been entered into with the relevant construction company with regard to the standard, equipment and operational standard;
  - (iii) the action taken against the company that constructed the power plant regarding low standards and breakdowns that occur;
  - (iv) whether arrangements will be made to recover the massive amount of money spent on repairs and the lost power during that period from those who responsible for that; and
  - (v) if the company which did not complete the first phase properly engages in the construction of the other phases too, the reasons for it?
- (c) Will she state —
  - (i) whether plans have been made to provide electricity to the people in a beneficial manner in future; and
  - (ii) the plan that seeks to bring down the electricity tariff with the stipulated period of time?
- (d) If not, why?

5031/'14

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Botanical Gardens and Public Recreation,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the number of Veterinary Surgeons serving in the Department of National Zoological Gardens;
  - (ii) whether vacancies for Veterinary Surgeons exist in the said Department at present; and
  - (iii) if so, whether action will be taken to fill those vacancies expeditiously?
- (b) Will he state —
  - (i) the number of elephants retained in the Zoological Gardens, Dehiwala;
  - (ii) the number that has been contracted Tuberculosis out of the aforesaid animals;
  - (iii) whether adequate facilities for the treatments of those sick animals are available in the Dehiwala Zoological Garden; and
  - (iv) the preventive measures that have been initiated in view of averting Tuberculosis being spread by the affected elephants among the other animals in the Zoological Garden?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) of the number of elephants and tuskens in the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage;
  - (ii) whether it has been reported that Tuberculosis cases have been found among such elephants and tuskens; and
  - (iii) of the steps that have been taken to protect the elephants and tuskens in Pinnawala from being contracted Tuberculosis?
- (d) If not, why?

5171/'14

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

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

5183/'14

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

- (a) Will she state —
  - (i) the name of the company which presently carries out the operational activities and maintenance work of Phase I of Norochcholai Coal Power Plant, which has a capacity of 300 MW, and of which the construction work has been completed; and
  - (ii) the date on which that company was assigned with such responsibility?
- (b) Will she inform this House —
  - (i) whether arrangements have been made to delegate the responsibility of carrying out operational activities and maintenance work of the aforesaid power plant to the Chinese company which constructed that power plant;
  - (ii) if so, of the date from which such responsibility will be delegated to that company; and
  - (iii) of the scheduled dates of completion of the construction work of Phase II and Phase III of that power plant?
- (c) If not, why?

5198/14

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(2)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether the website named Sri Lanka Mirror has been registered at the Ministry of Mass Media and Information;
- (ii) if so, the date on which it was done;
- (iii) the amount of the fee charged for the aforesaid registration;
- (iv) whether the premises used to maintain the aforesaid website which is duly registered, has been inspected by the officers of the Department of Criminal Investigation and the computers in the aforesaid premises were taken into their custody; and
- (v) if so, the date on which it was done?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether the computers that were taken into custody of the Department of Criminal Investigation have been returned to Sri Lanka Mirror following a determination given pertaining to the two fundamental rights cases that were filed at the Supreme Court against the aforesaid conduct of the officers of the Department of Criminal Investigation; and
- (ii) of the action that can be taken by the Ministry if there are constant break-downs in the provision of internet facilities by service providers to a news website that is registered at the Ministry of Mass Media and Information?

(c) If not, why?

5416/14

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

(a) Will he table in Local Authority level —

- (i) the number of vehicle parks run by the private sector and the government in the District of Colombo; and
- (ii) the places in which those vehicle parks are situated?

- (b) Will he state —
- (i) the methodology for providing the government owned lands to the private sector to run vehicle parks;
  - (ii) the income earned during the period from 2011-2013 by leasing out in that manner;
  - (iii) the fees charged in those vehicle parks for each category of vehicle;
  - (iv) the criteria adopted in deciding the fee; and
  - (v) the methodology adhered to in deciding upon such criteria?
- (c) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the institution responsible for the maintenance of them and the relevant Expenditure Head;
  - (ii) whether there is a methodology for recovering the damages caused to the vehicle parks from the parties who have obtained them; and
  - (iii) if not, what the reasons are?
- (d) Will he also state —
- (i) the intention of transferring government owned lands to the private sector;
  - (ii) as to why the government does not take the responsibility of running the vehicle parks; and
  - (iii) whether there is a future plan to run public vehicle parks by the government?
- (e) If not, why?

2756/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the total amount of money allocated for “Puravara Pubuduwa” in the year 2012;
  - (ii) the main criteria adopted in the implementation of the aforesaid programme;
  - (iii) the areas that have been selected for the “Puravara Pubuduwa” programme by now; and
  - (iv) the number of areas expected to be covered by the programme?
- (b) If not, why?
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**Friday, February 20, 2015**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

2746/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of local surgical gauze factories functioning at present;
- (ii) the number of employees employed in those factories;
- (iii) the quantity of surgical gauze purchased for the government hospitals from the local producers; and
- (iv) the courses of action that will be taken to protect that industry which is fallen into decline due to the reductions in the quantity of local gauze products purchased by the government hospitals?

(b) If not, why ?

3550/'13

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the extent of Government lands that has been allocated to private sector and foreign investors through the Board of Investment or any other Government Institution in the year 2010 and during the period from 2012 to-date;
- (ii) the receiver, the selling price, the extent, the location and the purpose of buying of each land separately;
- (iii) whether the relevant business has commenced on each land given by the Government up to date since 2010;
- (iv) if not, the time that will be taken to commence the business; and
- (v) the total value of the investment and the creation of employment in relation to the business in lands given as per (i) above?

(b) If not, why?

4323/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) mass scale gravel digging is done in the Boraluwala area belonging to zone 4 of the Wilpattu National Park in order to obtain gravel required to construct the Mollikulama-Silawatura road; and
- (ii) the residents of the area allege that this act receives the assistance of the Beat Security Officer of the Tantirimale Beat Forest Office?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether he admits that these acts mentioned in (a) (i) above violates Sections 3, 5 and 6 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance No. 2 of 1937;
- (ii) if so, as to who granted recommendations to Maga Engineering (Pvt.) Ltd. to dig gravel in the above area; and
- (iii) whether steps will be taken forthwith to stop this act which causes grave damage to the environment of the Wilpattu National Park?

(c) If not, why?

4468/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Sri Lankan Embassy in the United States had transactions with the company named Cranford Johnson Robinson Wood 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?

4614/'13

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

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

4680/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether a request was made to the World Health Organization to get a report with regard to the kidney disease in the North Central Province;
  - (ii) the amount of money spent by the government of Sri Lanka to prepare that report; and
  - (iii) the amount of money spent by the World Health Organization to prepare that report?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) the number of reports given by the WHO with regard to the kidney disease;
  - (ii) the dates on which the aforesaid reports were received by the Ministry of Health;
  - (iii) whether the Ministry of Health accepts the reports of the WHO;
  - (iv) the steps that have been taken to control the kidney disease based on the facts in the aforesaid reports;
  - (v) the reasons for the non implementation of the recommendations in the reports issued earlier; and
  - (vi) whether influence from any party is the reason for that?
- (c) If not, why?

4755/'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 total number of coconut estates found in the Kurunegala District;
- (ii) of the coconut production of the Kurunegala District from the year 2005 to 2013 separately in each year; and
- (iii) whether measures will be implemented with a view to increasing the coconut production?

(b) If not, why?

5099/'14

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that it becomes impossible during the drought seasons for farmers of Rajarata to conduct farming activities due to shortage of water;
- (ii) whether the programme to conserve every tank so that the level of ground water can be maintained as envisaged on page 21 in the Mahinda Chintana - Vision for the Future has been implemented;
- (iii) of the names of the tanks that have been conserved under the programme above; and
- (iv) of the steps that have been taken to save the rainwater in order to solve the water problem faced by farmers during the drought season;

(b) If not, why?

5309/'14

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the square area of the sea area that is expected to be filled by the Colombo Port City Project;
- (ii) whether attention has been paid on the environmental changes that will happen as a result of filling that sea area for the aforesaid project;
- (iii) whether he is aware that there will be an environmental impact on the western coast from Wadduwa to Chilaw by this project;

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a report has been compiled on the damages that would cause to the environment by the Colombo Port City Project;
  - (ii) if so, whether that report will be presented to the Parliament; and
  - (iii) if not, the reasons for that?
- (c) If not, why?

5420/'14

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) arrangements have been made to construct a reservoir in extent of 800 acres by erecting an embankment across the river Kumbukkan Oya in Monaragala District;
  - (ii) as a result of constructing this reservoir, the pepper cultivation and the rubber cultivation of the Monaragala District will be severely affected;
  - (iii) as a result, the economic activities of the people in the area will be hampered; and
  - (iv) a massive damage will be caused to the forest and the environment due to the construction of the reservoir?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the intended objectives and targets of this water scheme;
  - (ii) what development is expected to be achieved by constructing the reservoir; and
  - (iii) what amount of money will have to be spent for the scheme?
- (c) If not, why?

5426/'14

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the institutional structure of the oil storage complex of the Hambantota Port;
  - (ii) whether it is an institution belonging to the government or an company belonging to the government; and
  - (iii) if not, whether the aforesaid storage complex is functioning as a private institution belonging to the government?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the volume of oil imported to the oil storage complex of the Hambantota Port on or around June, 2014
- (ii) the parties which were involved in the importing of the aforementioned oil to the country;
- (iii) the procedure adopted to import the aforesaid oil to the country;
- (iv) whether the standard was inspected when accepting the aforesaid oil;
- (v) if so, of the results yielded by the aforesaid standard inspections?

(c) If not, why?

5486/'14

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Jersey Cows that were imported recently from New Zealand or Australia;
- (ii) the amount of money spent on that purpose (in US Dollars); and
- (iii) the number of cows that got sick and died out of the said cows?

(b) Will he admit that the aforesaid cows are not suitable to be reared in areas other than Nuwara Eliya?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) whether the aforesaid cows were imported by the government funds or under a loan scheme;
- (ii) the Districts in which the cows have been distributed;
- (iii) whether the cows have been distributed to farms belonging to the National Livestock Development Board or to the individual farmers;
- (iv) the names of the farms under the National Livestock Development Board to which cows have been distributed in the Kurunegala District;
- (v) the number of cows that have got sick or have died out of the aforesaid number; and
- (vi) the reasons for the same?

- (d) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether milk cows have been ordered from the Netherland by now;
  - (ii) if so of the amount of money spent on that;
  - (iii) whether it has been obtained from foreign sources;
  - (iv) whether he is aware of the existence of Indian Cows that can yield 30-40 litres of milk and who are also capable of adopting to our climate; and
  - (v) if so, as to why cows are not imported from India?
- (e) If not, why?

5639/'14

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the total amount of money spent for National Victory Day Celebrations held in Matara on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2014 ;
  - (ii) the number of war heroes that became totally and partially disabled due to the war;
  - (iii) whether a housing project is implemented for disabled war heroes;
  - (iv) if so, the number of houses that have been handed over to the war heroes by now having finished the construction work; and
  - (v) whether other welfare activities are carried out for war heroes in addition to the provision of houses?
- (b) If not, why?

5657/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of Heads of Department posts out of the posts of Special Grade of the SLAS as indicated in Appendix 'A' to the First Schedule in the Service Minute of Sri Lanka Administrative Service;
  - (ii) the appointing authority of those posts of Special Grade of the SLAS as indicated in the said list;
  - (iii) the procedure adopted in appointing to the posts of Special Grade of the SLAS;
  - (iv) the number of non-SLAS Officers who have already been appointed to the posts of Special Grade of the SLAS; and
  - (v) the number of posts of Special Grade of the SLAS, which fell vacant during the period from 02.07.2012 to 01.01.2014 their designations and the relevant institutions, separately?

(49)

- (b) Will he table the names of the officers who have fulfilled all qualifications and called for the interview for the promotion to the Special Grade from Grade I of the SLAS which was held in August, 2014, their dates of appointment to the Grade I SLAS, the effective dates of their Degree, the awarding university and the post graduate discipline of the Degree, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

3551/'13

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

- (a) Will he state —
    - (i) whether the statement made by the Minister of Finance and Planning during the impeachment of the former Chief Justice that the “Golden Key” and foiled Ceylinco subsidiary companies will be compensated, is correct;
    - (ii) if so, as to when compensation was offered or expected to be done;
    - (iii) the total outstanding to depositors of the aforesaid companies;
    - (iv) the percentage that can be paid by the assets and reserves within those companies;
    - (v) the name of each company sold along with amount obtained; and
    - (vi) the payment plan for the balance?
  - (b) Will he also state —
    - (i) the Institutions existed under the ‘Golden Key Company’ and the foiled Ceylinco subsidiaries and other companies in Ceylinco group;
    - (ii) the value that each company was sold for;
    - (iii) the valuer; and
    - (iv) whether the last Balance Sheets of those companies as at the date of crashing will be submitted?
  - (c) If not, why?
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