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The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Regulations under the United Nations Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of External Affairs under Section 2 of the United Nations Act, No. 45 of 1968 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1892/37 of 11th December 2014, which were presented on 05.02.2015, be approved.

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Tuesday, March 03, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4399/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of 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?

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(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?

4581/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the value of the National Income for the years of 2011 and 2012 separately;
- (ii) separately, of the amount of the interest and the loan installment paid annually for the loans obtained by the government for the aforesaid years; and
- (iii) of the total of the loan installment and the interest paid in each of the aforesaid years as a percentage of the National Income of the relevant year?

(b) If not, why?

4773/'14

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether local purchase of pharmaceuticals has been permitted as a remedy for the shortage of drugs in hospitals;
- (ii) of the procedure of calling for bids for the aforesaid purchases;
- (iii) whether there is a procedure for comparing the aforesaid prices with those of the Medical Supplies Division; and
- (iv) whether the Ministry is aware of the malpractices that have taken place with regard to purchase of pharmaceuticals by the Peradeniya General Hospital;

(b) If not, why?

(3)

5114/'14

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether an interest free loan scheme for women that formed as a part of the budget proposals of 2014 has been implemented;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which that loan scheme commenced;
 - (iii) the manner in which loans could be obtained under that loan scheme;
 - (iv) the qualifications that women should possess to obtain the loans; and
 - (v) whether guarantors or sureties are required for that?
- (b) Will he table the number of women who have obtained those interest free loans as at present in relation to each district separately?
- (c) If the above mentioned loan scheme is not operational at present, will he inform this House of the reasons for that?
- (d) If not, why?

5192/'14

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs and Fisheries,—(4)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the extent of the progress of discussions that took place recently regarding the issues concerning Sri Lankan and Indian fishermen;
 - (ii) the nature of the intervention of the government with regard to the aforesaid issues;
 - (iii) the number of Sri Lankan fishermen that are held captive in Andhra Pradesh, India at present; and
 - (iv) the nature of the intervention of the government in order to get them released from captivity?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if the fuel subsidy given to the fishermen has been stopped, whether an alternate package has been introduced to them;
 - (ii) if so, what that package is; and
 - (iii) of the difference between the package and the fuel subsidy system?
- (c) If not, why?

(4)

4529/'13

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

- (a) Is he aware that there was a budget proposal in the budget 2013—
 - (i) to develop isolated schools into a child friendly environment;
 - (ii) to give free food containing cereal, eggs and milk to every child admitted to those schools; and
 - (iii) to provide a pair of shoes and an additional uniform in the middle of the year for the students of those schools?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of child friendly schools that have been developed by now;
 - (ii) whether the proposals mentioned in above (a) (ii) and (iii) are being implemented by now;
 - (iii) if so, the number of schools in which the aforesaid proposals are being implemented;
 - (iv) if the aforesaid proposals are not being implemented, the reasons for that; and
 - (v) if so, the date on which the aforesaid proposals will be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

4775/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of registered pharmacies available in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of registered pharmacists and the number of distributors of pharmaceutical drugs available in the country;
 - (iii) of the number of pharmacists required for the country; and
 - (iv) whether a proper methodology is in effect for training pharmacists?
- (b) If not, why?

5091/'14

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government of Sri Lanka has made any financial aid or aid for projects to the government of Palastine over the last five years;

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- (ii) if so, the financial value of such aid;
 - (iii) if any construction project has been assigned to that country, the manner of selection of contractors for that project;
 - (iv) the aim of making that financial aid or aid for projects; and
 - (v) whether making an aid to a foreign country as mentioned above, when Sri Lanka has to payback a huge amount of foreign loans, is not a fruitless effort?
- (b) If not, why?

5115/'14

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of offices established throughout the Island for the businessmen of the country to pay Value Added Tax and deal with matters connected to that;
 - (ii) the location of such offices in relation to each district separately; and
 - (iii) the number of offices established for the purpose of payment of income tax and deal with matters connected to them?
- (b) If not, why?

5424/'14

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Internal Transport,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether he is aware that all trainee technicians have been absorbed into the Trainee Technician Service with effect from 01.01.1997 as per the basic service minute of the Department of Railway;
 - (ii) whether a 6:1 ratio is adopted when promoting Technicians in the group 'A' to Class 1 based on the category and the promotion, which is a condition that is not imposed by any other service minute;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that those in authority have agreed on a number of occasions to alter the aforesaid ratio when implementing the 6/2006 circular ;
 - (iv) whether a promotion procedure has not yet been formulated as per the 6/2006 circular;
 - (v) if so, the reasons for not doing so; and
 - (vi) whether he is aware that a large group of employees who remain stagnant at the upper ceiling of their salary increment scheme are faced with injustice as a result of this issue?
- (c) If not, why?

(6)

4776/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of “Suwa Divi Centres” set up in order to enhance community health;
 - (ii) of them, the number of centres functional at present;
 - (iii) the number of Suwa Divi Centres established in the Kurunegala District;
 - (iv) the number of such centres functional at present in the kurunegala District;
 - (v) the number of Suwa Divi Centres scheduled to be set up in the Mahanuwara District; and
 - (vi) the number of Suwa Divi Centres functional at present in that district?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether a sufficient number of clinics are conducted in those Suwa Divi Centres?
- (c) If not, why?

4813/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Internal Transport,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Vehicles Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., that has been registered under the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, is currently engaged in a business of assembling and selling vehicles in Free Trade Zone and their customers are shown a letter that has been issued by the Commissioner General of Motor Traffic to the effect that the vehicles that are purchased from the aforesaid company will be registered within a period of one month;
 - (ii) but, however, the Department of Motor Traffic turned down the registration of vehicles sold by the aforesaid company; and
 - (iii) for that reason, a large number of buyers who have purchased motor vehicles from the aforesaid company have been inconvenienced a great deal, being unable to run their vehicles ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the facilities will be provided to register the vehicles that have been purchased from Vehicles Lanka (Pvt)., Ltd, in the Department of Motor Traffic?
- (c) If not, why?

5092/'14

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government of Sri Lanka has made any financial aid or aid for projects to the government of Uganda over the last five years;
 - (ii) if so, the financial value of such aid;
 - (iii) if any construction project has been assigned to that country, the manner of selection of contractors for that project;
 - (iv) the aim of making that financial aid or aid for projects; and
 - (v) whether making an aid to a foreign country as mentioned above, when Sri Lanka has to payback a huge amount of foreign loans, is not a fruitless effort?
- (b) If not, why?

5117/'14

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of days electricity was not generated at the Upper Kotmale Hydro-power plant in 2013; and
 - (ii) the reasons for not generating electricity as above?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Upper Kotmale reservoir had to be suddenly emptied in 2013;
 - (ii) if so, the reason for that;
 - (iii) whether the water was released through the electricity generators or some other means, when emptying the reservoir;
 - (iv) of the reasons for doing so;
 - (v) of the level of water of the reservoir, prior to releasing water as mentioned above; and
 - (vi) of the volume of water released as a percentage of the capacity of water of the reservoir?
- (c) Will he also state the loss the Ceylon Electricity Board had to incur as a result of suddenly emptying the Upper Kotmale reservoir, as mentioned above?
- (d) If not, why?

5500/14

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) a statement was made in Parliament on 23.03.1990 by the then Minister in charge of that Board to the effect that the River Valley Development Board will be closed down with effect from 31.03.1990 having paid a compensation ranging from Rs. 96,000/- to Rs. 265,000/- to each of its employees;
 - (ii) in spite of the statement made, only an amount of Rs. 50,000/- had been paid to those workers; and
 - (iii) they have been rendered destitute under the aforesaid circumstance?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the date on which action will be taken to pay the compensation dues in arrears to those workers who had worked in the River Valley Development Board?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether provision of houses and lands to all the workers has been completed by now, as per the statement made to the effect that ownership of official residences which belonged to the River Valley Development Board by then would be transferred to the workers residing in them at the moment and that land would be provided to the other workers who are without houses; and
 - (ii) if so, whether the provision of title deeds for the aforesaid houses and lands has been completed by now?
- (d) If not, why?

Wednesday, March 04, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4533/13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Order, Disaster Management and Christian Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether he is aware that it was proposed at the 2011 budget to grant an allowance of one hundred thousand rupees for the birth of third child of the families of those serving in the Police Department in order to strengthen family economy; and
 - (ii) separately on annual basis, the number of families that have received this allowance in the years 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 as per the said proposal; and
 - (iii) the overall expenditure borne by the government for this purpose?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the programme for granting an allowance of one hundred thousand rupees for the birth of the third child of those serving in the Police Department is in operation; and
 - (ii) the procedure to be adopted by those currently serving in the police service to receive the said allowance?
- (c) If not, why?

4778/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total number of hospitals that come under the Ministry of Health;
 - (ii) the number of hospitals that come under the Provincial Councils;
 - (iii) whether the programmes in the budget 2012 to uplift the standards of the hospitals that come under the Provincial Councils have been implemented; and
 - (iv) whether he is aware that under the aforesaid programmes the Provincial Councils have distributed unwanted equipment to the hospitals that come under the Provincial Councils?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately, with respect to each province the amount of money allocated to provincial hospitals under the above programme in (a) (iii)?
- (c) If not, why?

5093/'14

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government of Sri Lanka has made any financial aid or aid for projects to the government of Maldives over the last five years;
 - (ii) if so, the financial value of such aid;
 - (iii) if any construction project has been assigned to that country, the manner of selection of contractors for that project;
 - (iv) the aim of making that financial aid or aid for projects; and
 - (v) whether making an aid to a foreign country as mentioned above, when Sri Lanka has to payback a huge amount of foreign loans, is not a fruitless effort?
- (b) If not, why?

5118/'14

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of electricity generators at the Kukuleganga Power Plant; and
 - (ii) the electricity generating capacity of each power plant?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether all electricity generators mentioned above functioned throughout 2013;
 - (ii) if not the number of electricity generators that defunct;
 - (iii) the period for which each of those generators were defunct separately;
 - (iv) the reasons for those electricity generators to fail; and
 - (v) the measures taken to ensure that the machines of that power plant will not fail in future?
- (c) If not, why?

5444/'14

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Lance Corporal S.P.K. Wanniarachchi bearing the regiment No. S/5 A02691 died while in active service on 25.05.2007?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether payment of the salary to the wife of the deceased member of the Army mentioned above has been stopped from January 2013;
 - (ii) whether his former wife has informed in writing that she has no objection in providing the relevant salary to the wife whom he got married after her and to her child;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that even though it was commenced to pay back the salary as 50% of the salary to Mrs. Hemanthi Priyadarshani, the wife of the deceased member of the Army mentioned above, and the other half of the salary to the child, only a half of the salary which was being paid at the beginning is paid at present; and
 - (iv) the reason for paying half of the salary to which the aforesaid war hero is entitled to as mentioned in (iii) above?
- (c) If not, why?

4534/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils, Local Government and Democratic Governance and Minister of Buddha Sasana,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of persons who have been paid the allowance of Rs. 5000.00 as per the proposal of the 2013 budget to grant such an allowance for those who lost their jobs at the 1980 July strike and have hitherto not received any relief; and
- (ii) the amount of money spent by the government as of now to grant this allowance?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the procedure adopted regarding the payment of the said benefit to the relevant beneficiaries of those July strikers who had already died without receiving any benefit at the time the proposal in (a)(i) above came into effect; and
- (ii) the procedure to be adopted by a person who has thus far not received any relief after losing the job at the 1980 July strike, to receive the above allowance?

(c) If not, why?

4780/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total number of pharmaceuticals registered in this country;
- (ii) of the methodology that is in existence at present to register the pharmaceuticals; and
- (iii) whether there is a plan to implement a certain methodology to control the registration of pharmaceuticals?

(b) If not, why?

5095/'14

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the service of any foreign company has been obtained to advise the government of Sri Lanka, the Ministry of External Affairs or any embassy during the last 5 years on building the positive image of this country in foreign countries;
- (ii) if so, the name of that company;
- (iii) the country to which that company belongs;
- (iv) the manner through which that company was selected;
- (v) the aim of obtaining the service of such a company;
- (vi) the amount of money paid to that company for the above mentioned service ; and
- (vii) the Head of Expenditure through which money was spent in relation to that service?

(b) If not, why?

5120/'14

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Higher Education and Investment Promotion,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the Ministry of Higher Education has entered into agreements with any institution to construct 60 hostels for university students in the years 2013/2014;
- (ii) if so, the institutions with which agreements have been entered into in relation to those constructions;
- (iii) whether the accepted tender procedure was followed in selecting the construction institutions; and
- (iv) if not, the factors that formed the basis for the selection of those institutions?

(b) Will he table—

- (i) the number of hostels assigned to each of the above institutions for construction and the sum of money agreed upon in relation to those constructions, separately;
- (ii) the dates, each agreed party is due to complete the construction of hostels;
- (iii) the number of students that can be accommodated in each of the hostels so constructed; and
- (iv) the sum of money spent by the Ministry of Higher Education on the construction of each such hostel?

(c) If not, why?

4781/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a price control is in effect in the island at present in respect of medicinal drugs;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that a price control process had been in operation in Sri Lanka some time ago;
 - (iii) if so, whether he will state the specific period during which this price control had been in operation;
 - (iv) as to how many varieties of drugs had been subjected to price control during that period;
 - (v) whether the Committee that has been appointed for controlling prices of medicinal drugs has given its recommendations pertaining to it?
- (b) If not, why?

4819/'14

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the air conditioned luxury vehicles obtained by the Air Force on hire basis are used by the senior officers of the Air Force for their private use; and
 - (ii) fuel for the said vehicles is obtained from the government?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Sri Lanka Air Force and the Ministry of Defence have consented to the use of air conditioned luxury vehicles obtained on hire basis for the private use of the senior officers;
 - (ii) if not, whether an inquiry has been held regarding such use of vehicles; and
 - (iii) of the results of that inquiry?
- (c) If not, why?

5096/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the quantity of rice that was proposed to be given to the World Food Programme as a donation by the Budget 2014;
 - (ii) of the quantity of rice that has been donated so far in accordance with that proposal;
 - (iii) of the institute from which that stock of rice was purchased;
 - (iv) if that stock of rice was purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board, the amount of money spent by the Paddy Marketing Board on that;
 - (v) of the amount of money made available to the Paddy Marketing Board to purchase that stock of rice; and
 - (vi) of the amount of money spent on a Metric Tonne of such rice?
- (b) If not, why?

5142/'14

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Internal Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of train accidents that occurred during the period from 30th April 2014 up to now, including those involving collision of trains, derailments and disconnected compartments;
 - (ii) the location, date and nature of the accident and the injuries suffered by the passengers, separately with respect to each accident;
 - (iii) the reasons for the occurrence of the said accidents, separately; and
 - (iv) the loss incurred as a result of these accidents, separately with respect to each accident?
 - (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether plans have been formulated to prevent accidents of above mentioned manner and provide a trustworthy service to the public; and
 - (ii) what those plans are?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, March 06, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4537/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that the Budget proposals of 2013 proposed to reconstruct the fisheries harbours of Silawathura, Gandara, Gurunagar, Thalamatiyawa, Mirissa, Hikkaduwa, Beruwala, Galle and Hambantota;
- (ii) separately, of the amount of money set aside for the reconstruction of each such harbour;
- (iii) of the fisheries harbours that have been reconstructed under the proposal of (i) above by now;
- (iv) of the number of fisheries harbours that have not yet been reconstructed under the 2013 Budget proposals; and
- (v) despite the allocations being already set aside, the reasons for not reconstructing the harbours in the (iv) above?

(b) If not, why?

4654/'13

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the particulars and the applications were called by the letter No. 7/2012, dated 14.02.2012 of Personnel Manager, in order to absorb the out-sourced office assistants who are employed in National Savings Bank to its permanent cadre;
- (ii) the Sri Lanka Bankers Institution held an Examination on 18.03.2012 in that regard; and
- (iii) 218 persons who had fulfilled necessary qualifications sat for the aforesaid examination?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether performance assessment records were called from the heads of the sections and the branches where they worked, so as to absorb the individuals those who passed the examination to the permanent service;
- (ii) if so, when such records were called;
- (iii) of the measures that have been taken based on the aforesaid records; and
- (iv) of the date on which the aforesaid employees will be absorbed into the permanent cadre?

(c) If not, why?

4782/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total number of cafeterias operated and vehicle parks existing in all the hospitals in the Kurunegala District;
- (ii) of the party who has the authority to call tenders for these cafeterias and vehicle parks; and
- (iii) whether the same procedure followed in calling tenders for cafeterias and vehicle parks at government institutions is followed in respect of the cafeterias and the vehicle parks at the hospitals concerned, if the authority rests with the Central Government or the Provincial Councils?

(b) If not, why?

5209/'14

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the Fuel Adjustment Charge is added to the domestic electricity bill by the Ceylon Electricity Board; and
- (ii) if so, the amount of money charged as the Fuel Adjustment Charge, as a percentage?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the rates charged by electricity bills relating to the ornamental fish industry is as same as the rates charged for the electricity bills relating to the other industries;
- (ii) if not, the reasons for that; and
- (iii) of the category under which electricity bills of schools are prepared?

(c) If not, why?

4538/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether she is aware that a proposal was made through the budget proposals of the year 2013 to establish two new Foreign Employment Technical Colleges where special courses will be conducted to upgrade the skills of the Sri Lankans who migrate for employment make it easier for them to get adapted to the social and cultural environments of their destination countries;
 - (ii) of the locations in which the aforesaid two colleges have been established;
 - (iii) of the total amount of money that has been invested on it;
 - (iv) of the areas of employment for which training is provided in the aforesaid colleges; and
 - (v) of the number of 'Rataviruwos' who have been trained in the aforesaid colleges and migrated for employment?
- (b) If not, why?

4783/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he state, separately in respect of each year from 2005-2013—
 - (i) the number of persons who were killed by wild elephant attacks within Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) the number wild elephants that were killed due to human activities in that District; and
 - (iii) the number of wild elephants died in the whole island?
- (b) If not, why?

5210/'14

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the Financial Institutions that provided loan facilities relating to the distribution of "Dimo Batta" vehicles under the 'Divineguma Programme' in 2013;
 - (ii) separately, the number of vehicles given under the loan facilities provided by each Financial Institution under that programme in 2013; and
 - (iii) separately, the quantum of loans given by each Financial Institution for that project in the above year?

- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of persons, out of those who had obtained loan facilities for those vehicles, pay the installments properly at present; and
 - (ii) the percentage of the re-payment of those loan installments?
- (c) Will he state whether the second phase of the project of distributing 'Dimo Batta' vehicles under the 'Divineguma Programme' is in progress?
- (d) If not, why?

5265/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether interviews were held on weekends of 31st May, 1st June and 07th and 08th June 2014 for the recruitment of employees to Banking Assistants (Clerks) Grade of National Savings Bank a state bank in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if interviews were held, whether applications were called through notices published in the gazette or newspapers;
 - (iii) if such open applications were not called, what was the methodology adopted in calling candidates for the interview;
 - (iv) whether there was a plan to recruit this group prior to the Uva Provincial Council election?
- (b) If not, why?

5770/'14

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, — To ask the Minister of Highways, Higher Education and Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the extent and width of the road that is relevant to the Kuliapitiya-Hettipola road development project of the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) the period of time that will be spent for the renovation work of the aforesaid road;
 - (iii) whether the constructor of the aforesaid road was selected through a tender procedure;
 - (iv) if so, the name of the bidder/ institution that was selected;
 - (v) the sources from which funds will be obtained for the aforesaid project; and
 - (vi) the cost for constructing one kilometer of the aforesaid road?

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(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether a traffic control plan has been identified for the duration of construction work on the aforesaid road; and
- (ii) if so, the amount of money allocated for the above purpose through the entire project?

(c) Will he also state —

- (i) the number of parties that will be affected through the implementation of the aforesaid project;
- (ii) whether compensation has been paid to those affected parties; and
- (iii) if so, the details of those who have been paid compensation?

(d) If not, why?

4589/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment,—(1)

(a) Is she aware that a promise was given before the Presidential Election of the year 2010 to grant a pension to “Rata Viruwo (Migrant Heroes)”, who have gone abroad for employment?

(b) If so, will she inform this House—

- (i) of the methodology followed for granting a pension to “migrant heroes”;
- (ii) of the manner in which contributions are made by the “migrant heroes”, by the establishment at which they work and by the government separately in providing “migrant heroes” with a pension;
- (iii) of the amount intended to be paid monthly as the pension; and
- (iv) what other countries in the world pay a pension to those engaged in jobs overseas?

(c) If not, why?

5211/'14

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Internal Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of private buses deployed for passenger transport on the Kottawa-Matara expressway;
 - (ii) whether those buses were selected as per the Tender notice published in the newspapers including 'Lankadeepa' on 06.08.2013;
 - (iii) if not, the formal method adopted to select those buses; and
 - (iv) if the buses were not selected in conformity with the above newspaper advertisement, the reasons for doing so?
- (b) Will he table the registered numbers and the names of the owners of the busses selected for passenger transport on the above mentioned expressway?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the name of the Working Director of the National Transport Commission?
- (d) If not, why?

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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.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.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.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.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.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.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.
