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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), as amended from time to time regarding Excise License Fee and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1901/19 of 13th February 2015, which was presented on 19.05.2015, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 974)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital (2012),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 23.10.2014 by the hospital that had been established by the Parliamentary Act, No.54 of 1983 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Health on 13.11.2014.)

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The Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation (2012),— That the Annual Reports and Accounts of State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 23.09.2014 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act. No. 38 of 1971 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Health on 13.11.2014.)

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The Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,— Annual Report of the National Engineering Research and Development Center of Sri Lanka (2012),— That the Annual Report of the National Engineering Research and Development Center of Sri Lanka together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 24.09.2014 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporations act No. 49 of 1957 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 10.10.2014.)

* *Indicates Government Business*

Thursday, June 11, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4981/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the company named Vehicles Lanka (pvt) Ltd. which is situated at Minuvangoda investment promotion zone is registered under the Board of Investment;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid company was registered;
 - (iii) the owner/owners of the aforesaid company; and
 - (iv) the manner in which the nature of the aforesaid business has been indicated when registering the aforesaid company?

- (b) If not, why?

5131/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeyasinghe,— 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) of the number of tanks that were renovated under the project of renovating small tanks which was implemented in parallel to the Deyata Kirula Exhibition of 2014;
 - (ii) of the reasons for the renovation work of the Thalvita tank in Wallava in Kurunegala electorate has not been commenced under the aforesaid project even though the name board relevant for the commencement of the renovation work of it is displayed near the aforesaid tank;
 - (iii) whether allocations have been made for that; and
 - (iv) of the date on which the renovation work of the aforesaid tank will be commenced?

- (b) If not, why?

(3)

5358/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the opening ceremony of the fuel storage complex of Mattala airport and Magampura port held on 22nd of June 2014,—
 - (i) the total expenditure borne;
 - (ii) the total amount spent to obtain the public address system;
 - (iii) the total amount spent to provide mobile toilets;
 - (iv) the amount paid for the provision of water for the mobile toilets used;
 - (v) the amount spent on refreshments; and
 - (vi) the total expenditure borne to provide audio - visual equipment?
- (b) Will he state in relation to the aforesaid ceremony—
 - (i) the names of the institutions that provided the public address system;
 - (ii) the name and address of the institution that provided the mobile toilets; and
 - (iii) the names of the institutions that supplied refreshments?
- (c) If not, why?

5917/'15

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Public Order and Christian Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) an employee of Agrarian Development Department had been assaulted by a politician and his security guards within the Gomarankadawala Divisional Secretariat premises on 23.12.2014, the date on which the postal votes of presidential election was taken; and
 - (ii) the individual who was assaulted, had been admitted to the hospital?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether an investigation was carried out on the attack due to political reasons inflicted upon the aforesaid employee, Mr. Sandun Hemantha, who is also a Member of Gomarankadawala Pradeshiya Sabha;
 - (ii) if so, the measures, taken in that regard; and
 - (iii) names of the alleged individuals and other information?
- (c) If not, why?

(4)

6015/'15

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) separately, the number of Lottery Sales Dealers and Sales Assistants who have been appointed by the National Lotteries Board for Matara District;
 - (ii) whether the amount paid for Sales Assistant per lottery ticket sold, has been decided;
 - (iii) whether a life insurance has been provided for Sales Assistant;
 - (iv) if not, whether it has been proposed to introduce such an insurance scheme; and
 - (v) whether there is a possibility who render a considerable service in selling lotteries?
- (b) If not, why?

6047/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that a Commission under the late Justice Udalgama was appointed to look into a range of violent incidents that took place in the period before 2006?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) as to when the report of the said Commission was presented;
 - (ii) as to why the said report has not been made public;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to publish the contents of that report; and
 - (iv) whether judicial actions will be taken, if necessary, in accordance with the findings of the aforesaid report?
- (c) If not, why?

6056/'15

Hon. Eric Prasanna Weerawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Internal Transport,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that incidents of taking political revenge have occurred immensely in the Ministry of Internal Transport under the new government which came to power after 08th January?

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- (b) Will he state separately the names and the qualifications of the officers who have been recruited without conducting any interviews to cover the duties of the officers by the names of G. Priyadarshana, Chief Manager SLTB central office Kandy, B.A. Weerakoon, Chief Operations Manager - Regional, Head office, Mahaiyyawa, Asanka Dellanga, Depot Manager - Depot Kandy South, L.P. Udawela - Depot Manager - Ududumbara Depot, A.N. Senanayake Depot Manager - Depot Kandy North, H.B. Amarakoon, District Secretary - Depot Kandy North and K.L. Karunarathne - Operations Manager - Depot Kandy North who were removed but had been recruited after conducting interviews based on required qualifications?

- (c) If not, why?

6061/'15

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— To ask the Minister Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the water that contains in the water tanks of Sri Murugan Vidyalaya, Elalei, Jaffna, that comes under the purview of Northern Provincial Department of Education, has been contaminated?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a committee of investigation has been appointed in order to investigate into the contamination of water in the tanks of that school;
 - (ii) of the measures that have been taken in connection with the aforesaid incident;
 - (iii) whether the alleged persons concerned have been identified; and
 - (iv) whether they have been arrested?

- (c) If not, why?

6069/'15

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soysa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child , Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the name of the present Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption;
 - (ii) whether another permanent post is held by the said person in any other institution;
 - (iii) if so, whether the said second post had been obtained in terms of section xxx of the Establishments Code and the procedures stated in the relevant circulars;
 - (iv) whether the said person has held a post of advisor or any other post in other government institutions prior to this;
 - (v) if so, those positions held;

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- (vi) whether the said person has obtained these positions by following the procedures mentioned in chapters xii-xxx of the Establishment Code and the relevant circulars;
 - (vii) whether salaries, allowances or other privileges have been obtained for the aforesaid positions;
 - (viii) the years and the months during which the aforesaid salaries, allowances and privileges have been obtained;
 - (ix) whether the details of salaries of the said person will be presented on monthly or annual basis;
 - (x) whether the said person has obtained opportunities for foreign tours and other privileges from the other government institutions;
 - (xi) if so what those privileges are; and
 - (xii) under which section of the Establishments Code have those privileges been obtained?
- (b) If not, why?

6071/'15

Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana de Silva,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether officers of the Attorney General's Department have been used by the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission as its legal advisers during the period from 2000 to 2010;
 - (ii) if so, who those officers are;
 - (iii) the periods during which they had served as advisers;
 - (iv) whether salaries or allowances have been paid by the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission to those officers who have served as legal advisers; and
 - (v) if so, the allowance paid to each officer?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the officers mentioned in (a) (ii) above have drawn salaries from the Attorney General's Department during the period mentioned in (a) (iii); and
 - (ii) whether any other amount has been paid to the Attorney General's Department by the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission in relation to the provision of legal advice, in addition to the amount paid to the legal advisers;
 - (iii) if so, how much?
- (c) If not, why?

6072/'15

Hon. T.B. Ekanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that vacancies for teachers exist at the rural schools situated throughout the island?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the proposals made to fill those vacancies for teachers; and
 - (ii) the time required to implement those proposals?
- (c) If not, why?

6090/'15

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the market value relevant to the process of exchange, transfer or issue of shares within the year 2014;
 - (ii) the total stamp duty charged, accordingly;
 - (iii) the basis or criteria applicable for charging stamp duty;
 - (iv) whether any other tax or taxes are charged for the said process or the value added due to that process; and
 - (v) if so, the value of taxes charged in that manner for the year 2014?
- (b) If not, why?

4983/'14

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

- (a) Is he aware that the admission of students to the Faculty of Allied Health Science of Peradeniya in the coming years after the first three batches should be carried out in consultation with all the relevant parties including the Government Medical Officers Association as per the ruling of the Supreme Court delivered by a three member bench including the then Chief Justice Mr. Sarath Nanda Silva on 01.06.2009 in respect of the Allied Health Degree Course?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the parties which are referred to as the relevant parties in the above ruling;
 - (ii) whether discussions have been held with those parties by now;
 - (iii) if so, separately, the dates on which the said discussions were held; and
 - (iv) the decisions taken at the said discussions?
- (c) If not, why?

5987/'15

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that transporting of sand mined in the Trincomalee District to Colombo for sale has become a problem?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how the belonging to Habarana area on the Trincomalee - Colombo road, the most convenient and main road for transporting sand from Kantale to Colombo to Polonnaruwa district has become an obstacle to issuing permits to transport sand; and
 - (ii) of the concession offered at issuing permits to transport sand as a measure to preventing the escalation of prices of sand as a result of having to transport sand mined at Kantale to Colombo via Anuradhapura?
- (c) If not, why?

6073/'15

Hon. T.B. Ekanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for the delay in electrifying 08 electricity schemes and 290 short-distanced electricity extensions in the Yapahuwa electorate though their work was completed in the year 2014; and
 - (ii) as to how long it will take to electrify these schemes ?
- (b) If not, why?

Friday, June 12, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4984/'14

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) fish resources of Sri Lanka are harvested by foreign companies;
 - (ii) the Sri Lanka marine zone is used as a landing site of fishing vessels of foreigners;
 - (iii) fish is imported to Sri Lanka and re-exported;
 - (iv) frozen fish is imported to Sri Lanka; and
 - (v) the reasons given in (i) to (iv) above are having a severe impact on the fishing industry of Sri Lanka?

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- (b) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (i) whether action has been taken to address each of the problematic situations indicated from (a) (i) to (a) (iv) above; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures taken in respect of each of the said matters?
- (c) If not, why?

5248/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) whether a Mahindodaya technology laboratory has been constructed at the D.B. Welagedara Central College in Kurunegala;
 - (ii) whether the infrastructure facilities necessary for the laboratory has been supplied;
 - (iii) of the date on which that laboratory will be inaugurated; and
 - (iv) whether the college concerned has been converted to a secondary school?
- (b) If not, why?

5988/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. R.K. Samantha Lal, Accountant and Mr. Edirisinghe the Personnel Manager attached to the Head office of the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation has come under an attack while returning from work on 25.02.2015 on the instigation of an employee of the same institution?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) as to who has instigated the above attack;
 - (ii) whether institutional disciplinary action has been taken against him;
 - (iii) if so, what those actions are;
 - (iv) if no disciplinary action has been taken, the reason for it;
 - (v) whether action will not be taken against the person who has been identified as having instigated the attack; and
 - (vi) of the steps taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in future?
- (c) If not, why?

6017/'15

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether an election rally of United Peoples Freedom Alliance was held in the playground of Narandeniya National School of Kamburupitiya on 24.12.2014;
 - (ii) whether the approval of the principal or the Director of National Schools, has been obtained in that regard;
 - (iii) whether the parapet wall of the aforesaid school was demolished and removed on 16.12.2014 due to the presidential candidate's election rally which was held on aforesaid date; and
 - (iv) whether the principal has lodged a complaint of the police station on the request of the school committee?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a detrimental situation has arisen with regard to the school playground and the safety of the school children since the aforesaid parapet wall has been demolished and removed;
 - (ii) of the cost incurred on the parapet wall which was demolished and removed on a political reason;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid parapet wall was constructed with the financial aid of the parents; and
 - (iv) of the measures that have been taken to restore the demolished parapet wall?
- (c) If not, why?

6057/'15

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of Ambassadors and High Commissioners recalled following the assumption of the office by the present President;
 - (ii) the rationale for recalling them;
 - (iii) whether any assessment was done on their effectiveness prior to the recall;
 - (iv) the number of vacancies thus created were filled within three months;
 - (v) the names, highest educational qualifications, seniority and the period as service in Sri Lanka and missions abroad separately of the officers nominated to the aforesaid vacancies?

(11)

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) the said nominees were Grade 1 officers fulfilling the requirements stipulated in Service Minute of the Sri Lanka Foreign Service; and
- (ii) there are officers among them working in Missions abroad as at January 2015; and
- (iii) there are officers in Grade 1 or senior than any one of the nominated list and currently not serving as Ambassadors or High Commissioners whose names are not in the said list ?

(c) If not why?

6062/'15

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware of —

- (i) the educational seminar that was conducted by the Northern Provincial Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth Affairs under the sponsorship of line Ministry in the year 2014; and
- (ii) the objectives of the aforesaid seminar, the money allocated for the seminar and the decisions taken there?

(b) If so, will he inform this House of the various measures which were taken with regard to the facts stated in the aforesaid (a) (ii)?

(c) If not, why?

6074/'15

Hon. T.B. Ekanayake,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Investment Promotion,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that the projects that had been implemented by the road development authority parallel to the Deyata Kirula Programme have been stopped by now?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the reasons for non implementation of those projects;
- (ii) the number of people who lost their jobs due to those projects have come to a stop; and
- (iii) the solution that will be provided for those who lost their jobs?

(c) If not, why?

5757/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of incidents of child abuse and rape reported and the number of raids conducted on drugs in 2014;
 - (ii) of the names, addresses, telephone numbers and other details of the public officials and politicians who were convicted of the above incidents; and
 - (iii) separately, of the punishments meted out to such officials and politicians?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether sufficient laws to curb child abuse, rape and the use of drugs are not prevalent in this country;
 - (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to amend those laws;
 - (iii) if so, how; and
 - (iv) when it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

6024/'15

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Public Order and Christian Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he state the Secretary with the most serious threat against his life out of the former Defence Secretaries?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of security personnel deployed for former Defence Secretary Mr. Gotabhaya Rajapaksa after he left the service;
 - (ii) whether the number of those security personnel has been revised by now ; and
 - (iii) if so, the number of current security personnel?
- (c) Will he also state whether—
 - (i) adequate security has been provided to Mr. Gotabhaya Rajapaksa taking into account the threat against his life; and
 - (ii) the government accepts the responsibility as regards his security?
- (d) If not, why?

6055/'15

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Social Services, Welfare and Livestock Development —(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the hearing impaired and dumb population in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid population, the number of persons that have been provided with the official identity card of the government;
 - (iii) the facilities that have been provided by the government for the hearing impaired persons; and
 - (iv) the number of translators available to facilitate the hearing impaired persons?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the reasons for not providing driving licenses to the hearing impaired community;
 - (ii) whether the ability to provide them with driving licenses at least by utilizing alternative technologies has been experimented; and
 - (iii) whether the hearing impaired persons have been provided with the driving licenses previously?
- (c) Will he also state —
 - (i) the number of schools available to provide education for the hearing impaired persons;
 - (ii) the number of students studying in those schools;
 - (iii) the number of teachers that has been recruited for the aforesaid schools; and
 - (iv) whether there is any possibility to grant appointments based on the qualifications to those selected out of the hearing impaired persons to teach the hearing impaired persons?
- (d) If not, why?

6063/'15

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether he is aware of an agreement entered in to, between Northern power station that operates in Chunnakkam and Ceylon Electricity Board; and
 - (ii) if so, of the monthly electricity units that should be supplied to the Ceylon Electricity Board in accordance with the aforesaid agreement?

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(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the ‘Northern Power Station’ is not in operation by now;
- (ii) whether solutions have been identified, regarding the issues arisen due to the aforesaid institution being defunct; and
- (iii) if so, of the future measures that have been taken in that regard?

(c) If not, why?

6075/’15

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) how many public servants have been provided with motorbikes by now;
- (ii) whether motorbikes will be provided to the public servants who have not hitherto been provided with motorbikes; and
- (iii) whether action pertaining to it has been implemented by now?

(b) If not, why?

6036/’15

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,— (2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether he has claimed in a recent interview on “Swarnavahini” that Ms. Tamara Kunanayagam, the former Sri Lankan Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva had been a representative of the LTTE in the period of 1989 to 1990;
- (ii) if so, on which evidence the said statement was made; and
- (iii) if the aforesaid evidence deems to be substantial, whether steps will be taken to proscribe Ms. Kunanayagam?

(b) Is he aware that Ms. Kunanayagam was a Human Rights activist during and around the period mentioned (a)(i) and supportive of the “Mothers Front” activities in which the Hon. Minister himself was connected?

(c) Will he also state whether the Human Rights activism of Ms. Kunanayagam is the accusation of sympathy for terrorism?

(d) If not, why?

5758/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) measures have been taken to demolish the huge boundary wall in the Colombo Port that existed since the British period and replace it with a plastic covered wire-mesh fence; and
 - (ii) it is a threat to the security of the port ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the constructions in (a)(i) above are carried out by the Ports Authority;
 - (ii) if the said constructions are carried out by a private institution; the name, address and telephone number of the said institution;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called in awarding the said contract to the said company;
 - (iv) the value of the said tender;
 - (v) the names of other companies which submitted tenders therefore; and
 - (vi) separately the value of the tenders submitted by the said companies?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money spent on the security of the Colombo Port in the year 2014; and
 - (ii) the amount of money projected to be spent on the security of the Colombo Port in the year 2015 ?
- (d) If not, why?

6025/'15

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Public Order and Christian Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of security personnel deployed for Mr. Sarath Fonseka as at 31.12.2014;
 - (ii) the unit under which those security personnel had been deployed;
 - (iii) the number of security personnel deployed for him at present; and
 - (iv) the reason for revising the number of his security personnel?
 - (b) Will he state separately, the number of security personnel deployed for the Navy Commander, Air Force Commander, Director General of the Civil Defence Force and the Inspector General of Police who served during the war and retired by now?
 - (c) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.269/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Producing the sugar requirement of Sri Lanka within the country,— That this Parliament resolves that factories required for producing and refining the sugar requirement of Sri Lanka be established, functioning with proper management, efficiency and planning, the sugar industry be protected as the country possesses the resources required for the production of the sugar requirement.

P.270/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Protecting the Knuckles Forest Reserve,— That this Parliament resolves that the independent existence of the Knuckles Forest Reserve be ensured speedily by removing the threats posed to it by humans, because the Knuckles Forest Reserve which is a sensitive ecosystem that could affect the entire ecosystem of Sri Lanka is under serious threat by now as a result of human activities and because the safety of the present generation as well as the future generation will be compromised due to this destruction of the environment

P.271/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Conducting a systematic study about king Ravana,— That this Parliament resolves that a study should be conducted about king Ravana through a panel of experts due to the fact that a study on king Ravana enables to unveil a hidden period of time in Sri Lankan history, and use the knowledge that king Ravana possessed for the uplifting of the country and enhance the attitudes in the country about him, even though specific historical information about him are not available.

P.272/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Eliminating intellectual poverty,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematically planned national program should be implemented covering all age groups in order to eliminate the intellectual poverty of the people in this country due to the fact that, even though intellectual poverty is a major problem prevailing in the country arising through ignorance, which has raised its head as a result of knowledge, intellect and systems of human values not reaching people in comparison with the speed at which the material commodities move and since there is less concern in the country regarding that.

P.273/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Stopping the use of expired pharmaceuticals,— That this Parliament resolves that an action plan should be formulated with the involvement of all relevant parties of the state sector to take action to remove expired drugs from the market and to stop the importation of such drugs due to the presence of the risk that such expired drugs would enter into the market and come to use in the government hospitals.

P.274/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Controlling the spread of AIDS,— That this Parliament resolves that a productive and appropriate project should be expeditiously initiated to identify cases of AIDS, to direct the identified patients for treatment and to prevent the spread of that disease as it has been reported that there are approximately 3000 unidentified cases of AIDS in Sri Lanka at present.

P.275/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing relief to women who are subjected to sexual harassments in foreign countries,— That this Parliament resolves that a committee consisting of experts and aggravated parties must be appointed in order to formulate and implement a formal methodology to resolve issues that have been created within the Sri Lankan society as a result of pregnancies that occur due to sexual harassments faced by Sri Lankan women who migrate as housemaids.

P.276/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating laws to strengthen the security of forest reserves and sanctuaries,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme must be formulated to create an attitudinal change within the people, and that existing legal provisions must be amended to regularize them and make them more stringent, in order to prevent the destruction of forest reserves and sanctuaries since it has continued to increase in recent times and it is posing a grave threat to the ecological balance of Sri Lanka.

P.277/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Studying the impact of the activities of various religious groups on the society,— That this Parliament resolves that a committee consisting of recognized religious leaders and scholars be appointed to carry out an examination into the activities of various groups, that have been integrated into society pretending to have organized for religious or other purposes and are integrating their own definitions and clarifications into society in the guise of sub divisions of mainstream religions while criticizing the ideologies of those religions and spreading new ideologies for mobilizing persons who support those ideologies, and to provide an assessment of their ideologies, activities and the impact exerted on society by such groups and implement the recommendations of that committee.

P.278/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Producing high quality clay pots,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take measures to plan and implement a national level programme to carry out research on producing clay pots which quickly absorb heat so that gas and electricity are not wasted on cooking and to introduce such clay pots to the market and to educate the public on the possibility of cooking hygienic food using clay pots.

P.281/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Exerting the influence of Buddhism on Parapsychology,— That this Parliament resolves that, as certain insights into the human mind defined by Lord Buddha are too deep to be captured by modern science, interventions be made by the government by appointing a committee consisting of local and foreign scholars to carry out research and to propose definitions and solutions to the issues that the field of parapsychology is currently facing and to popularize Buddhism locally and internationally, to enhance Sri Lanka's reputation and to bring about a revival in the sphere of Parapsychology through such measures.

P.282/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Popularizing Archaeology among scholars,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken to formulate a well-planned, long-term national programme to basically include the subject of Archaeology in the school curriculum and to further expand the scope of the subject of Archaeology at universities, while making arrangements to upgrade the required facilities with the objectives of obtaining a productive service from the scholars who are thus produced through the expansion of the subject of Archaeology throughout the country.

P.285/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a special standards institute to carry out studies on poisonous substances mixed with food items,— That this Parliament resolves that due to the non-availability of a special standards institute to carry out studies on the poisonous substances mixed with food items in Sri Lanka, such an institute be established as poisonous substances are added to food items as a result of extensive use of chemicals in agriculture.

P.286/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Rehabilitating children who are being used for begging by beggars,— That this Parliament resolves that a national level programme be planned and implemented in order to prohibit beggars from engaging in begging together with children, to rehabilitate the children who are being used for begging by beggars and to integrate them into society as good citizens.

P.306/'15

Hon. Gitanjana Gunawardena,— Improving the Kelani Valley Railway Line,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary plans be drawn and implemented expeditiously to make the Kelani Valley Railway Line a modern, light and electric railway line or to turn it to a monorail, which plies above the street level and minimizes fuel cost and travel time as this railway line, which joined railway transportation about 100 years ago and currently operates about 15 train journeys from Colombo towards Avissawella, runs through rapidly urbanizing Maharagama, Homagama and Padukka areas within the Colombo District, and as the people in this area who use private and public transport services along the by-roads system linked to the High-Level Road face heavy traffic congestion in the morning and evening every day and a dire need has therefore arisen to broaden and develop this railway line as a remedy for this situation.

Tuesday, June 23, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

5759/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— 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 excavations have been halted in the Kuragala historic sacred site in the Sabaragamuwa Province; and
- (ii) if so, the reasons for same?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of land belonging to the Kuragala sacred site;
 - (ii) whether the boundaries of the said extent of land have been demarcated;
 - (iii) whether measures have been taken for the preservation of the artifacts found during excavations; and
 - (iv) if so, the measures thus taken?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to secure the right of Buddhists to the Kuragala sacred site;
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to continue with its excavations; and
 - (iii) if so, from the date on which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

6026/'15

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Public Order and Christian Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether it has been identified through intelligence services and other information, the persons out of past Presidents and the present President, who are faced with the most severe threat to life locally and internationally as a result of L.T.T.E. activities; and
 - (ii) if so, the names of such persons?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately the number of security officers in the security detail assigned to former President Mrs. Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga at the time of her retirement and the number of security officers in the security detail assigned to her at present;
 - (ii) separately the number of security officers in the security detail assigned to former President Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa by the time he vacated office and the number of security officers in the security detail assigned to him at present;
 - (iii) of the criteria adopted in relation to increasing or reducing security that is provided to former Presidents; and
 - (iv) of the names of persons who take decisions in this regard and the names of persons who hold the responsibility of the aforesaid task?
- (c) If not, why?

6076/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform the House —
 - (i) whether, in pursuant of the pledge which was included under the 100-Day Programme to the effect that the sum of money that was collected from public servants at the rate of Rs. 50,000/- from each servant for the purpose of providing them with motorbikes under the Mahinda Chintana would be returned to them, the paying back of the money so collected has been commenced; and
 - (ii) if so, how many people have been paid back their money by now?
- (b) If not why?

5760/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated for research and development purposes in the year 2014;
 - (ii) the value of said allocation as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Product;
 - (iii) separately, the research and development programmes on which the said amount of money was spent; and
 - (iv) the benefits derived by the country through such programmes?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the activities carried out by the then Ministry of Technology and Research to encourage inventors;
 - (ii) inventions submitted in the year 2014;
 - (iii) the names of persons who submitted said inventions; and
 - (iv) the support extended to them?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to increase the allocation for research and development purposes;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money expected to be so increased; and
 - (iii) the plan to spend the said amount of money?
- (d) If not, why?

6027/'15

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware of the fact that the E.K.G. Jayathilaka family, residing at No. 05, Perakum Place, Mollipothana of the 228B-Thambalagamuwa Divisional Secretariat Division of the Trincomalee District is due to receive an allowance of Rs. 2000/- as the Samurdhi assistance and that the U.G. Anulawathie family, a family of four residing at No. 131 Perakum Place, Mollipothana of the same Division is due to receive an allowance of Rs. 3000/- as the Samurdhi assistance?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) the reason for paying an allowance of Rs. 1000/- to the E.K.G. jayathilaka family and paying an allowance of Rs. 2000/- to the U.G. Anulawathie family at present although they are supposed to be receiving sums mentioned above;
- (ii) whether the genuine Samurdhi allowance that is payable to them after subtracting the mandatory savings amount will be paid to the aforementioned two families;
- (iii) if so, the date on which the payment will commence; and
- (iv) whether the amount in arrears will also be added to the aforesaid allowance?

(c) If not, why?

6077/'15

Hon. T.B. Ekanayake,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the date on which the 200% increase of Samurdhi allowance benefits effected through the Interim Budget will be given to people;
- (ii) whether the Samurdhi beneficiary lists will be revised in giving those benefits;
- (iii) if so, whether the revisions will be put into effect at Grama Niladhari Division level; and
- (iv) what methodology /criteria will be followed in selecting beneficiaries for the value bands of allowance instruments?

(b) If not why?

5761/'14

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of Sri Lankan fishermen in custody overseas; and
- (ii) the countries where they are held and the number of fishermen in custody in each of those countries, separately?

(b) Will he table separately the name, address and telephone number of each fisherman in custody and the period for which each fisherman has been in custody?

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) why speedy action is not taken to get the arrested fishermen released;
 - (ii) the steps taken to prevent the fishermen from violating the marine boundaries;
 - (iii) whether assistance will be provided to the arrested fishermen to restart their occupation once they are released; and
 - (iv) if so, how?
- (d) If not, why?

6082/15

Hon. T.B. Ekanayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the period of time during which the construction work of the Moragahakanda reservoir will be completed;
 - (ii) of the date on which the construction work of the Hakwatunawa, Peella dam roads will be commenced as per the proposed plan to provide Mahaweli waters to Yapahuwa and Galgamuwa electorates; and
 - (iii) whether provisions will be allocated for the aforesaid construction works; and
 - (iv) whether the construction work of the irrigation office that was started in Polpithigama will be expedited?
- (b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

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Hon. S.C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. (Ms.) Kamala Ranathunga
Hon. Gitanjana Gunawardena
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara

Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. T.B. Ekanayake
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. Sajin De Vass Gunawardena
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. (Mrs.) Upeksha Swarnamali
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. Gunaratne Weerakoon
Hon. (Prof.) G.L. Peiris
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Udith Lokubandara
Hon. A. M. Chamika Buddhadasa
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. S.M. Chandrasena
Hon. Tissa Karalliyadda
Hon. Rohana Dissanayake
Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana
Hon. (Mrs.) Malani Fonseka
Hon. Janaka Bandara
Hon. Y.G. Padmasiri
Hon. W.B. Ekanayake
Hon. Jagath Balasuriya
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekara
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. V.K. Indika
Hon. Wijaya Dahanayake
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Nirmala Kotalawala
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Sarath Kumara Gunaratne
Hon. Hemal Gunasekera
Hon. M.L.A.M. Hizbullah
Hon. A.R.M. Abdul Cader
Hon. Lalith Dissanayake
Hon. C.A. Suriyaarachchi
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga
Hon. Dilum Amunugama
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. J.R.P. Suriyapperuma
Hon. Milroy Fernando
Hon. Mohan Lal Grero
Hon. Sarana Gunawardena
Hon. Victor Antony
Hon. Eric Prasanna Weerawardhana
Hon. Jayasinghe Bandara
Hon. Athauda Seneviratne
Hon. C.B. Rathnayake
Hon. Tiran Alles
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage
Hon. Sanee Rohana Kodithuvakku
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. A.L.M. Athaulla
Hon. (Dr.) Rohana Pushpa Kumara
Hon. P. Piyasena

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna,— Vote of No Confidence on the Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance,—

Whereas Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, who has had foreign exchange transactions with Mr. Raj Rajaratnam, financial supplier to the Tamil Rehabilitation Organization (TRO) convicted for financial crimes and currently serving a jail sentence in the United States of America, has no moral right to take up the responsibilities of the portfolio of Minister of Finance, which is a prestigious position requiring utmost trust,

And whereas the said Hon. Ravi Karunanayake is trying to gain petty political mileage by misleading the people of this country through false and malicious statements in Parliament to the effect that during the previous regime the macro economic variables like output, income, employment, price level, balance of payment, savings and investments of the country have been adversely affected resulting in a complete destruction of the economy of the country.

And whereas the said Mr. Raj Rajaratnam has sought to mislead the financial market by making a public statement that the process of issuing bonds had been executed with due transparency and that the Governor of the Central Bank was irreproachable even before the commencement of the investigations into the biggest ever treasury bond scam in the history of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka that took place under the tutelage and guidance of Mr. Arjuna Mahendra, who is a citizen of Singapore and a member of the coterie of cronies who motivated Mr. Raj Rajaratnam for investments in Sri Lanka,

And whereas the said Hon. Ravi Karunanayake has acted in a manner which brings Central Bank of Sri Lanka into disrepute through the statements he made as the Minister of Finance both inside Parliament and out of it to the effect that the reports and the analyses of statistics of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, which have been prepared in a reliable manner in accordance with international standards, are erroneous and unacceptable,

And whereas, when the resolution on the financial regulation to increase the approved limit of Treasury Bills by 40,000 cores rupees was moved in this august assembly, it was defeated by a majority of Members of Parliament voting against it owing to the misleading and arbitrary statements of the Minister of Finance and that the Minister of Finance fails to demonstrate such good conduct and courtesy as to have his own resolution passed in this august assembly,

And whereas the finance market, the equity market, the credit market, the share market and the investment market have sustained inestimable losses owing to the irresponsible conduct and efforts to exude power on the part of the Minister of Finance and whereas it is reported that the professionals and participants of the aforesaid markets are subjected to threatening coercion,

And whereas the courses of action of the Minister of Finance have paved the way for detrimental effects on the vital economic factors such as interest rates of the country, exchange rates and foreign exchange reserves;

And whereas the provisions of the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act have been violated by giving directions to follow financial procedures that will bring about short term popularity aiming at narrow political gains, but placing a huge burden on the general public medium-term and in the long run,

And whereas fiscal policies are driven in such manner as to tear down the confidence of local and foreign investors and discourage private investments,

And whereas distress is caused even some of the fair entrepreneurs with good governance practices through the imposition of revengeful taxes in violation of the principles of public taxation

And whereas in addition to putting the burden of interest and debt to the tune of thousands of billions of rupees on the tax payers by making the financial cost escalate as a direct result of bad financial management, the government has also been deprived of the opportunities for obtaining financial resources through more beneficial financial sources such as international sovereign bonds due to the damage caused to the credibility of the government in the international money and capital market,

And whereas an economic abyss that would bring all people of Sri Lanka under immense pressure at the end of the year is being created as a result of the economy inheriting a regression due to the failure to achieve the expected public finance targets within the year 2015,

And whereas the pledges made on oath to paddy farmers, tea and rubber manufacturers and to other institutions, organizations and households through the Draft Budget Estimates (Amendment) 2015 have not been fulfilled,

And whereas encouragement has been made towards the destruction of Sri Lankan Free Education by the total halt of projects such as Mahindodaya One Thousand Secondary Schools Programme and provision of infrastructure facilities for the technical subject stream and infrastructure related projects and other such projects in Teachers' Colleges and Pirivenas as a result of massive cutting down on funds allocated to the Ministry of Education in the year 2015 while declaring that 6% of the budget would be allocated for Education,

And whereas the people who employed in the small, medium and the large scale private sector enterprises have been dragged down to the group of unemployed causing them severe distress consequent to the failure of the government to act as a facilitator for development activities within the economy;

That this Parliament resolves that it has lost confidence in the capacity of Hon. Ravi Karunanayake to manage the finance of this country in a manner that ensures the wellbeing of the country, the national economy and the general public.
