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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1/15

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the requirements of Section 10 of the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act No. 3 of 2003 have been fulfilled in respect of the year 2015; and
 - (ii) if not, the future measures taken in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

7/15

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of University Education and Highways,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the progress of the investigations that are being carried out by the Criminal Investigations Department into the illegal, forcible and fraudulent acquisition and possession of the property located at No.11, Hewa Avenue, Colombo-07 which was donated to the University of Colombo for a Ladies Hostel by Dr. (Ms.) Shiva Chinnathambi by her Last will, and consequent to her death that was in possession of a person named Kumaraj Chitranjan Nadaraja;
 - (ii) whether it has been acquired as a property of the University;
 - (iii) the expenditure incurred in respect of its improvements;
 - (iv) the basis on which a luxury cafeteria being started there without using it as a women's hostel;
 - (v) as to who runs it?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether an inquiry will be conducted into the opening of this house sealed on a court order without the permission of judiciary and the forcible removal of furniture and all valuable items therein;
 - (ii) if so, whether any suspects have been arrested in this connection?
- (c) If not, why?

17/’15

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) what is meant by “Weeraketiya Project” which was inaugurated on 17.02.2014 and completed on 06.11.2014 by the Land Reclamation and Development Corporation ;
 - (ii) what the sub-activities under that project are;
 - (iii) the expenditure borne in respect of each such sub-activity separately; and
 - (iv) whether the “Weeraketiya Project” is relevant to the objective and aims of the Land Reclamation and Development Corporation?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Navey has provided labour for this Project;
 - (ii) if such labour was provided on paid basis, what amount has been paid;
 - (iii) whether an institutional investigation has been conducted into it by the then Ministry of Urban Development or the Land Reclamation and Development Corporation; and
 - (iv) if so, what its present position is?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) if the Financial Crimes Investigation Division is conducting an investigation into this Project, what its progress is; and
 - (ii) how the amount of money lost due to this Project, which stood at 61 million rupees, is going to be recovered?
- (d) If not, why?

22/’15

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—

- (a) Is he aware that even though the Minister of Finance in his address to Parliament that followed the presentation of the revised budget 2015 pledged that the decentralised budgetary allocation of Rs. 5 million given to Members of Parliament would be increased to Rs. 10 million with the Hon. Prime Minister confirming it to the House, no Member of Parliament has received it until 10th September 2015?

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(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the sum of Rs. 5 million, which the Members of Parliament were entitled to throughout the history, would be made available to them at least during the next four months of this year; and
- (ii) if not, whether he would admit this as a deprivation of a privilege enjoyed by a Member of Parliament continuously for over four decades?

(c) If not, why?

25/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, the number of litres of water issued by the Water Supply and Drainage Board for the consumption of people from 2010 to 2014;
- (ii) the total number of consumers who receive pipe borne water facility at present; and
- (iii) the above number of consumers as a percentage of the total population?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether a survey has been conducted on the people who need water facilities necessarily but do not have pipe borne water facilities at present;
- (ii) if so, the number of such people;
- (iii) whether an estimate of the number of litres of water needed by those people has been made;
- (iv) if so, the amount of water so required; and
- (v) whether sources of water sufficient to meet that requirement are available in the country?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether a plan to purify sea water and provide them to people as drinking water, has been made; and
- (ii) if so, whether that plans would be presented?

(d) If not, why?

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78/15

Hon. Chandima Gamage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—

- (a) Is he aware that the Forest Conservation Department is making arrangements to take legal action asking the farmers who make living by, Chena cultivation and engaging in Animal husbandry in the North Central province and in other provinces in Sri Lanka to leave their ancestral lands?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Chena cultivators and Dairy farmers are on the verge of losing their livelihood;
 - (ii) if so, will he inform this House the reasons for that?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the law with regard to the dispossession of ancestral lands will come into effect;
 - (ii) whether the relevant boundary limits of forest reserves have been expanded;
 - (iii) if so, the Districts in which the boundary limits were expanded and the extent of land expanded in those Districts that comes under those boundary limits separately;
 - (iv) whether it is expected to take a compassionate course of action with regard to these farmers in the future;
 - (v) the time frame needed to accomplish this task;
 - (vi) the measures that will be taken to prevent the collapse of livelihood of those farmers until such time?
- (d) If not, why?

2/15

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House the expressions of subsections (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of Section 12 (1) of the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act No. 3 of 2003 in respect of the year 2015?
- (b) If not, why?

8/15

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—

- (a) Is he aware that allegations have been made regarding a payment of Rs.14,800,800/= to Ocean View Development (Pvt.) Limited, from the money that has been collected from the institutions coming under the purview of the then Ministry of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities for the printing of diaries and calendars for the year 2015 for that Ministry, and Departments and Institutions under it;

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- (b) Will he state, if money was collected as (a) above, the amount collected;
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether quotations have been called to select an institute for printing the relevant diaries and calendars the press so selected;
 - (ii) separately the number of diaries and calendars ordered and the number printed and handed over by the press;
 - (iii) the institution which made the payment to the press;
 - (iv) the amount so paid?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if money has been paid by an institution other than the Ministry, the reasons for same;
 - (ii) whether an investigation is conducted by the Financial Crimes Investigation Division regarding the printing of these diaries and calendars;
 - (iii) if so, its progress?
- (e) If not, why?

35/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media,—

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the extent of lands belonging to Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation in acres; and
 - (ii) of the locations of each of the aforesaid lands ?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether a decision has been made to sell the lands belonging to Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation;
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons for making such a decision;
 - (iii) of the manner in which plans have been made to sell the aforesaid lands; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to stop the sale of the aforesaid lands?
 - (c) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 06.10.2015, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1913/3 of 5th May 2015)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1907/19 of 25th March 2015, which was presented on 06.10.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1908/29 of 1st April 2015, which was presented on 06.10.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1911/9 of 23rd April 2015, which was presented on 06.10.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1917/48 of 5th June 2015, which was presented on 06.10.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.5),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1919/33 of 16th June 2015, which was presented on 06.10.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.6),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1921/7 of 29th June 2015, which was presented on 06.10.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.7),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1924/9 of 20th July 2015, which was presented on 06.10.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.8),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1931/7 of 7th September 2015, which was presented on 06.10.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.9),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under sub-section (3) of Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1913/2 of 5th May 2015, which was presented on 06.10.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business*

Wednesday, October 21, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3/15

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a Pre-Election Budgetary Position Report as per the section 16 of the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act No. 3 of 2003 was presented to this House;
 - (ii) if the orders under the above section 16 was not adhered to the reasons for that; and
 - (iii) the date on which the orders of the sub section (2) of the section 16 will be met?
- (b) If not, why?

10/15

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—

- (a) Is he aware that an exceeding sum of Rs. 60 million has been misappropriated in the process of awarding several houses of the Mattegoda and Kahathuduwa Housing Schemes which were constructed by the Ocean View Development (Private) Company affiliated to the then Ministry of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities;
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the selling price determined for a house of each type;
 - (ii) whether an Easy Payment Scheme had been introduced for those Houses;
 - (iii) if so, the first installment and the balance installments to be paid for each type of houses?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the individuals who have been provided the houses bearing No B-5, B4-10, B3-35 and B2-36 at Kahathuduwa Housing Schemes and D-16 and B-10 at Mattegoda Housing Complex;
 - (ii) the kinship between the individuals who obtained the said houses and the former Minister in charge of the subject;
 - (iii) the amount that has been paid for the relevant houses by those individuals and the amount that remains to be recovered from them;
 - (iv) the steps taken to recover the outstanding amounts;
 - (v) whether an investigation is conducted regarding the malpractices that took place when those houses were distributed;
 - (vi) if so, the present situation with respect to that investigation?
- (d) If not, why?

18/15

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—

- (a) Is he aware, of the financial fraud committed by paying the five million rupees given to the organization called “Tharunyayata Hetak” in August 2013 for a market promotion programme, which is beyond the subject area of the Commission, on the recommendation of the then Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, to Ceylon Premier Sports Limited, a company that has no connection with the share market or financial affairs?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the present situation of the investigations with regard to that fraud;
 - (ii) whether the persons involved to that have been arrested; and
 - (iii) if so, whether action has been taken to prosecute these persons?
- (c) Will he also state —
 - (i) the steps that have been taken or that will be taken by the Commission to recover the embezzled money;
 - (ii) whether an institution level investigation has been conducted in this regard; and
 - (iii) the names of the Directors of the Ceylon Premier Sports Company Ltd., which obtained these monies?
- (d) Will he further inform this House of the obstruction to investigate this matter under the Public Property Act, and take action against the culprits?
- (e) If not, why?

24/15

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the carpeting of 18 roads belonging to the Southern Provincial Council of which, work had been commenced previously has been suspended midway from January 2015;
 - (ii) the road leading from Kekunadura to Dickwella via Wehella is in such a bad state that even walking let alone transporting has become laborious?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the 18 roads indicated in a (i) above of which renovation activities have been abandoned midway;
 - (ii) the date on which laying of carpet in the road indicated in a (ii) above will be started;
 - (iii) the amount allocated or pledged to be allocated by the Treasury for these roads;
 - (iv) accordingly, the future programme of work for carpeting of these roads separately?
- (c) If not, why?

27/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Prisons Reforms,—

- (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 he admits, that sufficient laws to curb child abuse, rape and the drugs above 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?

79/15

Hon. Chandima Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Elephant-Human conflict has been aggravating since last five years and the damages are being caused on the human lives and the elephant resource; and
 - (ii) due to informal and disordered construction of electric fences, instead of their villages being protected, the people living in the villages have become helpless, having unfairly dispossessed their homes and lands?

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(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of electric fences projects that had been put up during the recent past and the number of fences projects, proposed to be put up;
- (ii) separately, the Districts and Divisional Secretariat Divisions where electric fences have been put up;
- (iii) of the number of electric fences that have become defunct at present; and
- (iv) whether a proper mechanism has been set up in the Ministry to receive the complaints of the people who had faced with the situations as of aforesaid (a) (ii), in order to serve justice to them?

(c) If not, why?

4/15

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—

(a) Will he submit to this House the details mentioned in Sub Sections (a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Section 17 of the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act, No.3 of 2003;

(b) If not, why?

13/15

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the action taken at institution level against the former Secretary to the President Mr. Lalith Weerathunga who was the then Chairman of the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC) and Mr. Anusha Pelpita who was the then Director General of the TRC regarding the misappropriation of Rs. 600 million of public funds for the purpose of distributing various items including *Sil* robes among voters targeting the 2015 Presidential election;
- (ii) of the present status of the financial crime investigations that are being carried out in this regard;
- (iii) of the steps that will be taken against the relevant officers responsible for taking action against large scale financial crimes in the event that they are reluctant to take necessary action?

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the action that will be taken by the Minister in charge of the relevant subject to recover the sum of Rs. 600 million that was lost to the government;
 - (ii) of the other misuse of public funds that were committed in relation to the Presidential election of 2015 in addition to the distribution of *Sil* robes using monies of the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission;
 - (iii) of the actions that have been taken against those offenses?
- (c) If not, why?

51/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the Signal System of Sri Lanka Railway Service is faced with a crisis at present;
 - (ii) the lives of passengers are in jeopardy as a result;
 - (iii) Mr. Anura Pushpakumara Kasthuri employed at the Department of Sri Lanka Railway, has invented a successful railway security system that using modern technology and requires a very small amount of money for implementation;
 - (iv) an issue has been risen by the fact that the aforesaid system has not yet been implemented although it was supposed to be implemented in the Sri Lanka Railway service?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the reasons for not implementing the railway security system mentioned in (a)(iii) above;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to incorporate the aforementioned railway security system or any other security system into the railway service;
 - (iii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, October 22, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

5/15

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Minister furnished the information requested for the compilation of the report on the Pre-election Budgetary Position, as required by Section 18 of the Financial Management (Responsibilities) Act, No. 3 of 2003; and
 - (ii) if the Minister could not fulfill the requirements specified by Section 18 of the aforesaid Act, the reasons for it?
- (b) If not, why?

12/'15

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the distribution of 14000 Carom boards and 14000 Draughts boards with a value of Rs. 39,061,290.12 by the Ministry of Sports during the year 2014, had been included in the action plan of the Ministry for the year 2014;
 - (ii) whether allocations had been made to the Ministry of Sports by Parliament under the Annual Budget Estimates 2014 for the purchase of these Carom Boards and Draughts Boards;
 - (iii) if so, what that amount is?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether these equipment purchased through CWE had been formally taken over to the stores of the Ministry;
 - (ii) if they had not been taken over to the Stores of the Ministry, the officers and institutions who had taken over the aforesaid equipment;
 - (iii) the places to which the said equipment had been distributed and the places in which the balance had been stored?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the progress of the investigation conducted by the Financial Crimes Investigation Department on the sports equipment that had been purchased contrary to the procurement procedures and as per the directive of the former Minister of Sports but had not taken over to the Ministry;
 - (ii) of the authorities who are held responsible in that regard;
 - (iii) of the judicial measures that had been taken pertaining to this matter?
- (d) If not, why?

19/'15

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—

- (a) Is he aware that a complaint has been lodged with the Financial Crimes Investigation Division of Police against the former Minister of Co-operatives and the former Commissioner of Co-operative Development on charges of misuse and misappropriation of a sum of Rs. 897.06 million out of the Co-operatives Development Fund and the Co-operatives Surplus Fund against the provisions of the Co-operative Societies Act of 1972, during the period 2011-2014?

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- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the progress of the investigation of the complaint mentioned in (a) above; and
 - (ii) whether an investigation will be conducted under the Public Property Act on the misuse and misappropriation of these funds?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the institutional procedures initiated against the misuse and misappropriation of these funds;
 - (ii) the measures to be taken to recover those funds lost to the government; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to prevent misappropriation of public funds in general on the discretion of the Minister in charge of the subject, in future?
- (d) If not, why?

28/15

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

- (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;
 - (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;
 - (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;
 - (ii) the amount of money projected to be spent on the security of the Colombo Port in the year 2015 ?
- (d) If not, why?

80/'15

Hon. Chandima Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that various media have reported that antiquities and treasures were heavily destroyed and taken away by thieves during the past period of time of almost a decade?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of complaints received by the Department of Archaeology in this regard;
 - (ii) whether the Department of Archaeology has taken legal actions regarding the incidents reported in media and the complaints received by them;
 - (iii) if so, the number of incidents and complaints regarding which legal action has been taken, separately;
 - (iv) the number of persons that have been convicted through the aforesaid legal action;
 - (v) the actions taken to prevent the occurrence of such incidents again?
- (c) If not, why?

20/'15

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment,—

- (a) Is she aware that misappropriation of financial resources of the Foreign Employment Bureau which was under the purview of the Ministry of Foreign Employment has been uncovered by the Auditor General through audit query No. IS/INV/PC/GDE/2015/04 dated 10th June 2015?
- (b) Will she state—
 - (i) the instances of financial misconduct indicated in (a) above;
 - (ii) separately, the value of the said instances of misconduct;
 - (iii) whether the Ministry has initiated a probe regarding the said instances of financial misconduct uncovered by the audit query;
 - (iv) if so, its current progress; and
 - (v) the current status of the inquiry conducted by the Police Financial Crimes Investigation Division in respect of the uncovered financial crimes?
- (c) If not, why?

29/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether excavations have been halted in the Kuragala historic sacred site which is one of the most important Buddhist places of worship in the Sabaragamuwa Province;
 - (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 delimited;
 - (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;
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Friday, October 23, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

6/15

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a report on the Pre-election Budgetary Position was presented, as required by section 19 of the Financial Management (Responsibilities) Act, No. 03 of 2003;
 - (ii) whether, the Secretary to the Ministry of Finance made a statement on the Pre-election Budgetary Position; and
 - (iii) if such a statement was made, the date on which and the manner in which it was made?
- (b) If not, why?

30/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Research,—

- (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?

21/'15

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that an Investigation is conducted by the Financial Crimes Investigation Division regarding a huge financial loss suffered by the country as a result of having to pay a huge amount of money to the relevant banks with the plummeting of oil prices in the world market, due to the flawed method adopted by Ceylon Petroleum Corporation in entering into Hedging agreements with several local and foreign banks in 2007 under the guidance of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and the Ministry of Finance?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the current progress of the investigation mentioned in (a) above?

- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of banks involved in the Hedging agreements;
 - (ii) the amounts due to be paid to each of those banks in respect to those agreements; and
 - (iii) whether there is a risk propensity of a further payment?
- (d) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether the person who had granted approval for entering into that agreement and following that flawed method has been disclosed in the investigation; and
 - (ii) whether the persons responsible for this financial loss have been identified?
- (e) If not, why?

31/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lankan fishermen in custody overseas at present;
 - (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;
 - (iv) if so, how?
- (d) If not, why?

14/'15

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—

- (a) Is he aware that GI pipes (flag posts) worth Rs. 20,132,277/- (20.1 million) have been purchased utilizing the monies of the Divineguma Fund in connection with the Presidential Election 2015, on the instructions of the then subject minister?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there is any possibility of purchasing GI pipes and distributing them among Pradeshiya Sabhas in terms of the objectives of the Divineguma Fund;
 - (ii) if so, of the section of the Divineguma Act under which such purchases can be made; and
 - (iii) of the name of the person in authority who had given the approval for the aforesaid purchase?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the measures that have been taken by the present Minister to recover the amount of Rs.20 million that lost due to the misuse of moneys of the fund;
 - (ii) whether an investigation of financial crimes is being carried out at present with regard to the aforesaid incident;
 - (iii) if so, of the progress of the aforesaid investigation; and
 - (iv) of the administrative measures that have been taken with regard to the aforesaid incident?
- (d) If not, why?

34/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the amount of money that was spent on the reconstruction of Sapugaskanda Oil Refinery in the year 2014;
 - (ii) of the name of the company which carried out the aforesaid reconstruction work;
 - (iii) whether tenders had been called for before the aforesaid reconstruction work was awarded to that company;
 - (iv) if so, of the value of the tender that had been submitted by that company;
 - (v) of the names of the other companies that had submitted tenders for the aforesaid construction work; and
 - (vi) separately of the names, addresses and the telephone numbers of those companies, and the names of the countries to which those companies belong and the value of each of those tenders?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the reasons for awarding that tender for the aforesaid company; and
 - (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that the government had to incur a loss by dealing with that company?
- (c) If not, why?
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Friday, November 06, 2015

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.1/'15

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.2/'15

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.3/'15

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.4/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Reconsideration of allowances and privileges of all People's Representatives 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, Leaders of the House, Leaders of the Opposition, Chief Opposition Whips and Hon. Members of the existing Provincial Councils, are not in a proper state.

P.5/'15

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, Leaders of the Opposition 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.6/'15

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.7/'15

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.8/'15

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.9/'15

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.10/'15

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.11/'15

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.12/'15

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. 13/'15

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. 14/'15

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. 15/'15

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.16/'15

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.17/'15

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.18/'15

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.19/'15

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.21/'15

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.22/'15

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.23/'15

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.24/'15

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.25/'15

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.26/'15

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.27/'15

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.28/'15

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.29/'15

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.30/'15

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.31/'15

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.32/'15

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.33/'15

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.34/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing a travelling allowance for all V.I.P. security personnel,— That this Parliament resolves that measures should be taken to pay an equal amount as a travelling allowance to the officials engaged in Presidential security service, Prime Minister's security service as well as other V.I.P. security services

P.35/'15

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.36/'15

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.37/'15

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.38/'15

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.39/'15

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.40/'15

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.41/'15

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.42/'15

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.43/'15

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.44/'15

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.45/'15

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.46/'15

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.47/'15

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.48/'15

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.49/'15

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.50/'15

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.51/'15

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.52/'15

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.53/'15

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.54/'15

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.55/'15

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.56/'15

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.57/'15

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.58/'15

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.59/'15

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.60/'15

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.61/'15

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.62/'15

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.63/'15

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.64/'15

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.65/'15

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.66/'15

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.67/'15

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.68/'15

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.69/'15

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.70/'15

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.71/'15

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.72/'15

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.73/'15

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.74/'15

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.75/'15

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.76/'15

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.77/'15

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.78/'15

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.79/'15

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.80/'15

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.81/'15

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.82/'15

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.83/'15

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.84/'15

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.85/'15

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.86/'15

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.87/'15

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.88/'15

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.89/'15

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.90/'15

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.91/'15

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.92/'15

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.93/'15

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.94/'15

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.95/'15

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.96/'15

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. 97/'15

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. 98/'15

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. 99/'15

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. 100/'15

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. 101/'15

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 'ඞ, ඞ, ඞ, ඞ,' are controversial.

P. 102/'15

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. 103/'15

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. 104/'15

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. 105/'15

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. 106/'15

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. 107/'15

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.108/'15

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. 109/'15

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. 110/'15

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.

P.111/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Eradication of maternal and child malnutrition,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme which gives its priority to provide people with nutritious food that are necessary for the eradication of maternal and child malnutrition be implemented since the ratio of low-weight childbirths is as high as 25% in Sri Lanka and the main factor for it is the lack of nutritious food.

P.112/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Building a healthy country by protecting the environment,— That this Parliament resolves that since it may be difficult even to diagnose the cause of certain diseases which people contract in the future in the face of the increased radiation in food and water due to increased environmental pollution in Sri Lanka, that the health of the people of the country be ensured through appointing a committee of academics to carry out further investigations in this regard, summoning a report from such committee, and implementing its recommendations.

P.113/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Protecting agriculture to ensure the security of the country,— That this Parliament resolves that the future of this country should be secured by promoting sustainable agricultural practices and establishing policies to protect farmers in the country with a view to rescuing Sri Lanka from the risks of environmental pollution, unhealthiness and lack of hygienic food which are the problems faced by the world population at present as the agricultural lifestyle has completely changed with the green revolution in the aftermath of the world war two which is the third period of capitalism.

P.114/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Minimizing the problems faced by the people due to the complex global market,— That this Parliament resolves that there is a need for an awareness programme and an intellectual dialogue in this country to make people aware of how to lead a relieved lifestyle and solve the problems created by the complex life style formed within the market economy because the world trade pattern introduced by the globalization has invaded the human mind and the uprooting of traditional values and developed philosophies from the mindset of human beings has become a common factor among Sri Lankans.

P.115/'15

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.116/'15

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.117/'15

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.118/'15

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.119/'15

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.120/'15

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.121/'15

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 aggrieved 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.122/'15

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.123/'15

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.124/'15

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.125/'15

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.126/'15

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.127/'15

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.128/'15

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.
